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North Checking Out

Troop celebrates

Albany Boy Scout Troop 14 celebrated 25 years of continuous service on June 8 Court of Honor. The ceremony will be held at the Albany Veterans Memorial Building beginning 7:30 p.m. The troop welcomes all former scouts and leaders to their celebration. Details: Forest Frasier, 749-336.

Summer Shapeup

Albany YMCA's Teen Summer Shapeup is a great way to get in shape this summer. Under the direction of a fitness instructor, participants will tone and strengthen muscles on the new box equipment and develop cardiovascular endurance on treadmills, rowers, bikes and rowers in the fitness center. Workouts include abdominal work and a final stretch. This is a perfect way to get started on a fitness routine. This program is free with a full service membership. Details: 525-1130.

Brown bag Forum

On Wednesday, June 10, the Brown Bag Speakers Forum presents Ralph "Mike" Warner, co-founder and publisher of Nolo Press, will discuss his new book, *Get a Life: You Don't Need Million Dollars to Retire Well*. His session will focus on the best strategies to achieve a fulfilling retirement, including a sack lunch. Coffee will be provided. The speaker starts at 12:30 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. Details: 525-1130.

Library library programs

The Friends of the Albany Library present six twilight summer programs for children and families at the library. Summer programs are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Programs:

June 9: storytime with Paul and Max (ages 3-6) June 16: storytime with Paul and Max (ages 3-6) June 23: Caterpillar Puppets (school age show) June 30: Storytime with Paul and Max (ages 3-6) July 7: German the Magician (school age show) August 18: Jean-Paul Valleeon: Juggler-Concertinist (school age show)

Children are encouraged to pick up a free summer reading game "Deep Sea Reader" after June 14. Deep sea readers help save a whale and win a prize. The reading game runs from June 14 through August 15. Details: 526-1120.

EC library programs

Summer programs for children at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Blvd.

• Puppet Show Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m. Caterpillar Puppets present "Pata: An Aztec version of Pinocchio."
• Read With Arthur Summer Reading Program Thursdays at 4 p.m. from June 12 through August 25. Read 10 books and earn prizes. Earn more prizes by entering the drawings held July 16, 23 and 30; and August 6, 13 and 20.
• Picture Book Time for preschoolers ages 3-5 is Thursdays at 11 a.m. from July 23 to Aug. 20. Registration starts July 16. Details: 526-7512

Radio dad

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, El Cerrito's KIG 88.1 and 97.7 FM 11 a.m. Doug presents Father Time with host Doug Spangler. From Brown, marriage counselor, talks about how to understand your spouse better. Katie Spangler, Director of Cornerstone Children's Center, gives tips on how to evaluate your child's programs.

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James Carter

School board members turn the ceremonial shovelful of dirt at the groundbreaking.

Albany district kicks off new middle school project

By James Carter

Standing on a makeshift wooden platform erected on the large empty lot that once was home to Hill Lumber Yard, Albany Superintendent of Schools Dale Hudson welcomed a crowd of about sixty people to the ground-breaking for the new middle school last Sunday. Despite ongoing controversy about the location of the school and its final design, Hudson, dignitaries, members of the board and most in the audience appeared jubilant that the construction project was finally ready to begin.

"I was wondering if this day was ever going to come," outgoing board member Ed McManus said with a laugh. "So I'm very relieved that it finally has. It's been a long struggle, working with the neighborhood and such, taking care of their concerns as well as the concerns of the middle school faculty and parents."

The middle school construction project is the end

result of Measure A, a \$31.6 million bond measure overwhelming passed by voters in 1992. The bond measure, which originally earmarked funds for new classrooms and seismic retro-fitting, was later amended by voters in 1994 to allow the district to purchase property to build a new middle school.

Facing members of the board of education — hard hats in hand — as well as other public officials and citizens, Hudson said, "This is a real exciting time for all of us. Those of you in the community who passed the bond measure in 1994 have to have experienced tremendous impatience. But we think it's all going to be worthwhile, and we're really anxious to see the activity here out on the grounds."

The new middle school is scheduled to be built on the 3.9-acre plot by June 1, 1999. The final design depicts an "L" shaped two-story building with basketball courts, science labs, a cafeteria, parking lot and

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Event opens General Plan process

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—At last week's General Plan Vision Festival, there was a 1909 advertisement for the Cerrito Park development. Oakland's El Cerrito Land and Improvement Company pictorial showed a sparsely populated, bucolic landscape between Berkeley and Richmond that was the nascent El Cerrito. Cerrito Park, the advertisement claimed, was "centrally located" and was serviced by several transit lines, including the Oakland Pacific and Key Route ferry trains and was "five minutes walk to cars of the East Shore Suburban Electric." The planned Key Route Extension meandered through a farm-like green setting. "An investment

in Cerrito Park," the advertisement said, "is sure to bring a return in the near future of many times the capital invested." An estimated 130 to 150 people showed up at the day-long vision festival last Saturday to ensure the next 20 years of "Cerrito Park" development continues to be as good an investment as the first 90.

"This is the first step to get real community involvement," said El Cerrito mayor Jane Bartke. The mayor, the rest of the city council, numerous city staff and people from Moore Iacofano Goltsman Inc., The General Plan consultants, joined with regular folk from around the city in the main hall of the Community Center. The goal of the vision festival was to begin to get citizen input about what to include in El Cerrito's new General Plan.

The new plan, which will guide city development for the next 15 to 20 years, affects almost everything in the community including housing, business, transportation, public safety, recreation and the environment. All cities are required by state law to have a current and comprehensive General Plan. "The visioning process will set a policy framework for the more detailed development of the General Plan document," explained one brochure.

In the main hall of the Community Center, tables and posters lined three walls. Maps and information graphics and pictures were on display. Proposed projects along San Pablo Avenue and the Plaza were depicted as was the "Prince of Wales" study from last summer.

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J.R. Deaton

City Councilmember Gina Brusatori addresses the assembled at last weekend's Vision Festival for El Cerrito's revised General Plan.

Sendoff for old Albany High

Graduates of Albany High School and all other Albany citizens should mark their calendars for Sunday, June 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. That will be the final opportunity to recognize the 64 years of service of the old Albany High School building, slated for the wrecking ball later in June to make way for a new high school building on the same site at the corner of Key Route Boulevard and Thousand Oaks Avenue. Albany High School Day festivities are planned for the site of the current building, on the Thousand Oaks Avenue side.

The June 14 event, themed "Albany High School A Piece of Your Past, A Link to the Future," is being coordinated by the Albany Education Foundation and the Albany PTA Council. A committee of volunteers from the two organizations and volunteer AHS alumni has been working to plan the event and get the word out to as many AHS grads as possible.

The high school, which was constructed in 1934-37, has long

been an Albany landmark and gathering place, not only for students, but for adults as well.

According to PTA Council President Kay Weinstein, the parent of two current AHS students, "We wanted to recognize the long history of the old Albany High School and at the same time provide a connection to the new building for grads from those years. Some may see this as a sad event, but it is also a time for celebration." Architects' drawings and a model of the planned new building will be on display during the event.

According to AEF board member Joan Larson, who is in charge of developing a database of all AHS alumni, "Our records are not yet complete, but we are mailing fliers to more than 1,000 grads and asking everyone to spread the word." E-mail notices have also been sent to alumni who have posted their e-mail addresses on the Albany High website, Larson said.

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Albany focuses on creeks, storm drains

By James Carter

ALBANY — The City Council held a work session prior to its regular meeting Monday to review a draft watershed plan presented as part of the city's clean water program. The purpose of the plan is to "integrate existing drainage systems" with five existing creeks in an effort to improve storm drainage, enhance the quality of water flowing into the Bay, and, where possible, restore the creeks themselves.

The ambitious report took more than a year to complete. According to City Administrator Daren Fields, the city began the project "by first examining the sewer system and developing a 20-year plan." After completing that study, "we looked at storm drains. And one cannot look at storm drains in isolation without looking at creeks because they're linked together."

All of Albany's storm drains empty into one of five creeks, which

include: Codornices, Village, Marin, Middle and Cerritos. Two creeks, Middle and Village, are predominantly underground. Marin Creek, for example, actually runs through a culvert in the center of Marin Avenue, eventually meandering through sections of the Gill Tract, beneath Albany Middle

creek ecosystems. The "disappearance" of several open streams also caused a decline in the amount of rain water that can be absorbed by soil. Additionally, the dense suburban construction of homes, driveways, and parking lots has had an impact on water absorption, which in turn results in a greater and faster runoff of water during storms.

According to Albany Mayor Bruce Mast, "we have been experiencing increased problems with flooding due to bad drainage and poor storm drains. So we realize that we have an infrastructure problem there."

The watershed report found that drainage pipes located at street corners, such as those on Solano Avenue, "were designed for smaller [water] flows and now require continuous cleaning by city crews." The report also concluded that in several locations, "storm waters overwhelm the system forcing water and mud to flow overland

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Tuesday election results

Schools win big; transportation, libraries fall short

Journal staff

California's formidable two-thirds voter approval requirement for new taxes proved fatal for Contra Costa's library measure and Alameda County's transportation measure Tuesday, but couldn't stop the West County Unified School District's bond measure, which took over 75 percent of the vote.

When the dust cleared Wednesday morning WCCUSD officials were looking ahead to the first steps of implementing the \$40 million bond that will fund facilities repairs and a new middle school in Richmond. "Now we have to deliver," said WCCUSD Boardmember Glen Price. "We will be putting together a citizens advisory committee to provide citizen watchdogging on implementing the bonds."

Price said that "going over the 75 percent level is really a sign that all sectors of our community are ready to do something for our schools."

Library and transportation advocates, meanwhile, were left to ponder their next moves. Both Measure E, which would have enacted a 1/8-cent sales tax to increase library hours and materials in Contra Costa, and Measure B, which would have contin-

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Contra Costa County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

144 of 144 precincts

Jim Rogers.....11,471
John Gioia.....18,011

MEASURE A— Approves sales tax to maintain and improve public library services (requires two-thirds majority).

877 of 877 precincts

YES.....123,005

NO.....68,157

MEASURE E— A \$40 million bond to build a middle school in Richmond and for classroom technology and school repairs (requires two-thirds majority.)

182 of 182 precincts

YES.....30,121

NO.....9,652

Alameda County

MEASURE B—COUNTY

Approves 15-year extension of a one-half cent sales tax to fund transportation projects (requires two-thirds majority).

1,030 of 1,030 precincts

YES.....138,858

NO.....98,185

MEASURE C—(ALBANY)

Approves changes to certain charter sections to make them consistent with the provisions of Measure Q (requires simple majority).

14 of 14 precincts

YES.....2,383

NO.....770

Mayor's Desk

Assessing state of city's parks

By Jane Bartke
El Cerrito mayor

This past week the Park and Recreation Commission had a well attended meeting that discussed many of the parks within the boundaries of El Cerrito.

Neighbors of Arlington Park, Blake Pocket Park, Canyon Trail Park, Castro Park, Central Park, Creekside Park, Hillside Natural Area and The Open House Senior Center were all invited to attend. Many did and many contributed by answering a questionnaire that was passed out with specific questions about each park.

The many comments seemed to have some common themes. Citizens talked about some of the new changes and how they liked them, and also brought up specifics.

At almost every park, except the Hillside Natural Area, a desire for improved picnic areas and bench seating were mentioned. Citizens recognized that many of the parks need maintenance of existing play equipment.

A separate toddler area, within at least one of the parks, was requested by several young mothers. This would provide a place for the mothers of preschoolers to meet and share with each other. Such a park location should also have play equipment, for a variety of ages, that would be visible to parents.

Canyon Trail received special notice for the tree invasion and blockage of views. Many residents have lost the vista they once had. They are not asking for a denuding of the park, but a plan that eventually will return some of their views, and provide appropriate trees within the park boundaries.

Harding Park has a tremendous traffic problem and continuous 12 hours per day of recreation use on the weekends. Many neighbors voiced privacy problems because of the frequency of balls coming into yards and being retrieved by park users.

Different concerns were voiced by the users of Hillside Natural Area. Generally, everyone agreed that this was a jewel, an asset to the city. The wildlife and forest of native oaks and flowers is fantastic. Users urged the city to leave the area natural, no picnic tables, but continue the fire reduction measures that are taking place. There could be improvement of access to the park from residential streets.

These are just some of the general comments given about these parks. The Commission had previously received input about Huber, Cerrito Vista, and Poinsett parks.

What happens now?
The Park and Recreation Commission will next undertake to list the needs of the different parks and put them in priority. Many of the top items will be safety needs of each area.

After the study is completed by the Commission, it will be forwarded to the City Council, and all interested citizens and groups will have opportunity to comment. A cost of each recommendation will be calculated, and then we can all, as a community discuss what should be done, and what can be done, to save, if not enhance these assets.

Art, the Avenue and Albany arterials

It was damp and glum outside the Nexus Gallery in an industrial section of Berkeley, but inside the walls of the large room glowed warmly with paintings by Albany High School art students.

"We call it Art Attack," laughed Ed Hill, the AHS art teacher responsible for the show. A friendly, husky man, Hill fits the visual stereotype of a football coach — which he once was — much better than that of the wispy artist. But looks are again deceptive as Hill has been coaxing first rate art out of his students for many years now.

The 84 large acrylic paintings in the show were created by Hill's advanced class. There were also exhibits of ceramics, crafts, and poetry. And AHS's District Five jazz band added another dimension of art for visitors chowing down on the tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Hill says the show is an annual event now in its seventh year at the Nexus Gallery, 2710 Eighth St. in Berkeley. It ran two evenings and drew large audiences both nights.

Albany High Vice Principal Mitchell Carter and Board of Education President Dianne McNenny both put in cameo appearances the second evening. McNenny

particularly liked one of the more abstract paintings, while I favored a traditional one of docked boats. With the wide range of styles displayed, there was something for everyone.

Hills says some people have wanted to buy pictures, and he refers them to the artists, but that selling is not the point of the presentation. Some of Hill's students have gone on to successful careers in art.

"We Are Open" signs flutter bravely above businesses on lower Solano Avenue hit hard by a combination of rains and a massive construction project. The city has been doing all it can to ease the pain with these eye catchers, well designed street signs, frequent updates to merchants, and fun gimmicks like giveaway car plugs.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that travel in the area was not difficult. I had an easier time parking on side streets and in lots than I did formerly hunting for a parallel slot. Better yet, nobody can whip an illegal U-turn and beat you to a spot as is all the rage now.

Even so, business is way off and could stay that way through October. Ruth Leif, proprietor of Play It Again Toys, estimates



Man About Town

■ Dave Greer

that she and many merchants have lost two thirds of their revenues. Doing best but still hurting are shops like Bill Strei's Plaza Tennis and Sports which rely less on foot traffic and have a hard-core of specialty customers.

Some merchants have asked for reduced rents. In one block May rents were cut in half; in the next block the landlord told tenants to put out balloons and get a clown. He may need one to cheer him if some of these rent payers go belly up.

Rental adjustments can help, but it is more important for patrons to return to these businesses in force. I suspect that many

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Albany High School art teacher Ed Hill with student artists (from left) Kamie Ho, Gung Chun, and Juana Gonzales greeted visitors at the recent Nexus Gallery showing.

Letters to the Editor

Transportation issues important to all

Editor:

Thank you for your May 21 coverage of current transportation items. Your wonderful "Man About Town" column cited the need for everyone to speak up about their traffic concerns before the City Council makes any decisions on the Citywide Transportation Plan (CTP) and your "In Brief" section provided some critical information regarding regional ferry service in the Bay Area.

Just to keep the coverage up to date, your paper should be happy to note that the Albany Waterfront Committee requested the CTP to study the potential of ferry service for our local waterfront a couple months ago. In addition, at its last meeting in May, the Committee asked the City Council for a presentation and update on the status of the 1998 Ferry Plan Update. Not surprisingly, the Berkeley Waterfront Commission will be hearing the issue at their June 10 meeting with a presentation from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

As you probably know, the MTC's 1992 Ferry Plan identified the Berkeley/Albany waterfront as one of its High Priority Sites. We can expect it to continue to be one of the best potential areas for ferry service development in the 1998 Plan and we hope your paper keeps abreast of all the local developments.

Jerri Holan, member
Albany Waterfront Committee

Kudos to alert mail carrier

Editor:

Our mail carrier is a hero! Last Thursday, May 21, four young men parked their car in our driveway and attempted to break into our home. Dennis, our mail carrier, noticed their suspicious behavior and contacted a neighbor who then called the police.

I am certain that the timely intervention by Dennis prevented those young men from actually burglarizing our home. My family and I appreciate Dennis' inclination

to become involved.

He deserves our gratitude and a big thank you from the entire neighborhood for helping us maintain our security.

Teresa Navas Albano
Albany

Unified plan needed for Plaza

Editor:

El Cerrito has a rare opportunity to shape the future of its commercial district for the next 50 years. It is a false dichotomy to ask whether we want an "urban village" or a department store. The choice, as I see it, more realistically is whether we want a more revitalized, holistically designed and unified shopping center with all the contemporary amenities, or an unplanned, haphazard series of streets that just grew at the whim and fancy of many competing developer interests.

Larger scale department stores (of 100,000-plus square feet) and sections of small stores, niche boutiques can be more easily accommodated in a well planned, unique development that need not sacrifice either the human scale or the imperative need for appropriate levels of parking to accommodate peak traffic patterns. If you have ever gone round and round the block in vain searching for a non-existent parking space on Solano Avenue or Fourth Street, amid a jumble of small factories, single family housing interspersed with commercial enterprise, you may wish that a unified plan had been in effect that looked beyond the single store, factory or single family home.

People vote their choices with their pocketbook. If you doubt the attraction of a large mall with ample parking you need go no further than the Asia Pacific Mall that since the day it opened has filled its interior mall day and night. In the process it has no doubt drawn business away from other stores as far away as San Mateo to San Leandro.

El Cerrito may very well have missed the ball and wasted precious time in its quarrel with the El Cerrito Plaza Co. responsible for the present

state of decline in the very heart of our community. Many of us were attracted to El Cerrito because we liked the quality of life here and its present values as a community. We have had in effect a zoning plan that clearly separated the commercial from the residential areas. Before we radically abandon a plan that has served us well for most of our present history, for the dubious benefits of the new urbanists' vision of spontaneous eruptions of street by street, a "grid" pattern of development, parcel by parcel that would mix residential and commercial with expediency the only guideline, think about the kind of community you would want for yourself, your family — 10, 20 or perhaps 30 years from now.

Evelyn Kiresen
El Cerrito

Conscientiousness and common sense

Editor:

On the afternoon of May 5 I was walking on Carmel Avenue near Fairmont and saw a man collapsed on the sidewalk. He was breathing but did not respond to questions.

I went to a nearby store, but the person there did not want to call 911. Then I went to Fat Apples, told the workers the situation and asked them to call. The manager left the restaurant to check. When I tried to use the phone, I was told that 911 could be called "only at the discretion of the manager." Just as I left Fat Apples to try to find another phone, a police car pulled up. A resident in the area had called 911 from her home. A fire truck and ambulance came quickly after being called by the officer.

The Ace of Cups

End of an era for Albany's ace reporter

By Greg Hugunin

Ever tearful, the Ace of Cups must go

So surely, you must be wondering, what ever happened to that crazy Ace of Cups? Did a libel suit stop it cold? Some mean editor pull the plug? Did it get lost, somehow, in The Shuffle? Or has the Ace simply been on vacation? What, are you kidding me, the Ace of Cups is a vacation, a five-fisted, slap-happy, love letter to the world, a vehicle for news that goes...beyond, if you will. Where else could one learn Albany has ... been on teevie!!! ... or that The Journal's two reporters, in this Age of Information, could pass one another like strangers on the street. And where else to learn one of those reporters clandestinely sympathizes with the world's biggest book-maker and its struggle to fend off citizen litigants and add a few more pennies to the pile? (Okay, maybe I don't clandestinely sympathize, but wouldn't it be something if I did?). Oh, so many scoops to be unearthed, so many tales to tell, all falling by the wayside this Thursday for the biggest bomb of all. First, we lost Seinfeld, then dear old Frank ... His Airmess is battling through his final tour, the 20th Century hers ... and now, dear readers — and my heart is breaking as I write this — it is my time as well.

So in case you jaw just dropped, let me explain: there is no controversy here, no axes have been dropped; the time has simply come to move on. Ever intrepid, I am now heading west to San Francisco, where I have actually been all along (and could there be some significance to that?). A few new jobs, a bushel of big dreams, and, after some 30 months on the Beat...well, I think you get the picture. But still, so much left unsaid, so many arrows beside me unsent! Never will I say hello to my dear friend Phyllis Lyon, or take a good, clean whack at my old, old pal Dave Greer. And as for the gentleman at the Village who once complained about our having associated his community with that "other" village out at the landfill...hey Mike, I didn't write the headline, but still; so sorry if we implied you people have anything to do with them.

But enough of that, for the Ace is about love in the end, that end now sitting but a few paragraphs away. In case you've never quit a newspapering job, let me tell you about it; you ponder leaving for a month, or two, or maybe six; then, one Monday, you wake up with the sinking of feelings, and decide to think about the whole thing in earnest for another week.

When you finally decide, you break it to your editor gently: So how much notice should I give if I'm leaving, you ask? Oh, about a year, he says. Then you tell him you are serious, and the next month is like a farewell tour ... the last time you pick up your

At a citizen of El Cerrito, I was grateful to witness the quick response time of our emergency services. Now if we who live and work here could do a more conscientious job of alerting emergency personnel when someone needs help, our community would be a safer and kinder place for all of us.

Mary Milton
El Cerrito

El Cerrito re-visioned

Editor:

Last Saturday's all-day "vision festival," which launched El Cerrito's general plan update, was well organized and informative. Kudos to the staff — especially city planner Ed Phillips — and the consultants, as well as the process team for all the thought and hard work that went into the event. These special events (and we've had lots of them over the last few years) add greatly to the workload of the staff, who are already spread thin due to budget constraints. City employees deserve a special thanks for giving up yet another Saturday (not to mention many weekdays) for our benefit.

The festival renewed my hope for the future of El Cerrito. Participants overwhelmingly supported the creation of more pedestrian-friendly environments in our commercial districts. They also voiced a very strong desire for economic development, concentrating on certain areas — e.g., around BART stations — and great interest in preserving and enhancing our natural resources.

Nearly everyone who spoke up in the land-use discussion favored mixed-use development that combines shops, restaurants, offices, homes, and public spaces in an at-

tractive, walkable setting. The economic consultant told us in a session that these mixed-use areas would have been difficult to build five years ago, but are now amenable to investors and tenants alike, very popular with consumers.

Many Bay Area cities have realized on their unique strengths to gain new prosperity. In El Cerrito, our greatest prospects for renewal are the two BART stations and the Plaza shopping center. We have the opportunity to translate the dream of a more walkable, livable community into reality as we develop these areas. As one of the consultants said Saturday, they will be developing the only question is how and when. In the case of the Plaza, we can be just around the corner. Owner/developers are due to top their revised site plan in just weeks. Judging from their presentation, the plan has a long way to go before it comes close to fulfilling the vision many El Cerritos residents articulated on Saturday, and in other public planning sessions the last few years.

I know that thoughtful, forward-looking residents of El Cerrito, neighboring communities of Elmont, Kensington, and Albany join me in urging our local decision makers not to settle for more oriented, big-box development. Time is right to chart a new course. Doing so will require real leadership in the face of the inevitable sniping and posturing that greet constructive efforts in this town. A setting aside of personal pet ambitions and grudges for the good of the city as a whole.

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AUSD parents taking cautious look at parcel tax

by William-Arthur Haynes

ALBANY — A dozen influential members of the community assembled at the middle school last week to discuss the possibility of waging a campaign — including the possibility of increasing the parcel tax — to fund non-academic programs in the district's curriculum.

One of the goals discussed was the desire to establish classes that might "get the kids who have slipped through the cracks," said Alan Marris, Albany's Man of the Year and the meeting's facilitator. However, uncertainty about Gov. Pete Wilson's budget plans have the community worried about what courses can be funded.

Perhaps the biggest concern expressed by those in attendance

was their desire to save Albany High School's award-winning instrumental music program. Currently, the department's symphonic band is being funded by the Music Boosters. Though parents have lobbied the board of education to fund the class and make the director a permanent full-time teacher, the district has resisted making such a commitment, citing budgetary concerns they contend are due to uncertainty about the final state budget and its potential impact on local school districts.

High School instrumental music director Tom Lilienthal, praised by several different speakers at the meeting, is now teaching a non-music class at the high school in order to maintain full-time status there. However, those who attended the meeting believed his position and the instrumental program itself

may be in jeopardy if the district does not fund the symphonic band. "One thing about [state funding] is that it isn't very reliable," said Karen Carlson-Olsen, a member of the PTA at Marin School. "It's not something any district can count on."

Community activists discussed a number of other programs that have been eliminated over the years by the district, largely due to cuts in funding by the state.

Former Albany mayor Thelma Rubin advocated the return of a track and field team. The program was axed in 1990 when the district made cuts in curriculum. "There's a high degree of integration [in track and field]," said Rubin. "It's an excellent fitness program and it doesn't cost anything — all you need is shoes."

Other areas of concern men-

tioned included the need for additional counseling staff, school nurses, librarians, and the advantages of a 7-period day.

All those at the meeting agreed that one way to obtain funding for such programs would be to raise the existing parcel tax. According to some of those in attendance, the problem with organizing such a campaign is the time it would take to draft the documents needed for a measure to appear on the ballot in November.

Initially there was a desire to draft a proposal as soon as possible. But there were pros and cons regarding that idea. If the issue appeared on the November ballot and was approved, it might insure that the district could fund programs that have been cut, or are currently in jeopardy.

"We need vocational programs

right now," said Marris. "And there are kids [at the high school] that might lose their music program."

But the idea of rushing a measure so it would appear on the November ballot was met with opposition. Sandy Bender expressed concern about moving with too much haste.

"If we rush to put this on the ballot, it will go down in flames," said Bender, a parent with children at Marin and the middle school. "Maybe it would be better to put this off and really make it win. I would hate to lose the opportunity to get the parcel tax passed."

A special task force will meet June 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the district office to discuss strategy for a possible campaign and to establish a timeline.

Election

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used a 1/2-cent sales tax in Alameda County for transportation projects did well with voters. But not well enough to pass.

Measure E earned 64.3 percent of the vote — a substantial majority, but still 2.3 percent short of the required level. Library backers, seeing the failure of the second funding measure in four years (a proposed 1994 parcel tax failed with 61.6 percent of the vote), were understandably frustrated. "Today will be a day of figuring out how to go on from here," said Janet Hildebrand, head librarian for El Cerrito. "Once again the majority of voters in Contra Costa County have indicated they want better library service and once again they can't have it, because in California we allow the minority to rule us."

Measure B, which faced opposition in recent weeks from environmental groups, managed to win over 58 percent approval, still far short of the needed amount.

Albany Mayor Bruce Mast, a strong supporter of Measure B, said he has "mixed feelings" about the result. "I certainly would have loved to see it pass. At this point, I guess the challenge that I see to environmentalists, bicyclists and transit advocates is to come back with a better measure that everyone can support and get that one passed."

The two-thirds level did not apply to the West Contra Costa supervisor race, but challenger John Gioia earned nearly that level in his successful bid to unseat incumbent Jim Rogers.

Gioia won some 61 percent of the vote, successfully campaigning on the theme of being a "full-time supervisor" and claiming that Rogers made the post secondary to his law practice. Rogers vehemently disputed the contention.

Albany voters also approved a local issue. Measure C authorizes minor changes to the City Charter to help assimilate it with 1996's citizen-sponsored Measure Q.

EC 'needs consensus' before seeking county help on Plaza

by J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — In a meeting tinged with pre-election overtones, District 1 county supervisor Jim Rogers met with about 30 El Cerrito residents last week to discuss what, if anything, the county can do to assist Plaza revitalization. Accompanying Rogers were two managers from the Community Development Department of Contra Costa County.

Belinda Smith, the Program Manager of the Community Development Block Grant program

(CDBG), said this federally funded program assists small businesses and low and moderate income people and may work at the Plaza.

But she was careful to emphasize the "may" part of the equation. Smith said the county receives about \$4 million a year from the federal Housing and Urban Development and distributes grants and funds planning studies throughout the county.

"The primary objective of our economic development program is job creation for low and moderate income people," she explained. The

program provides assistance to small businesses and grants "micro-loans" of up to \$15,000. In a later talk, El Cerrito Councilmember Gina Brusatori said businesses in the smaller Plaza properties might qualify for CDBG assistance.

Also, at the meeting, in response to a question about shuttle service at the Plaza, Smith said that possibly the shuttle operator could qualify for a grant from her department.

But Brusatori and the county participants stressed that these ideas are very preliminary and it's not known whether or not Plaza businesses qualify for the grants.

Smith said it's probably true that "it's not a good fit" between CDBG and Plaza owners El Cerrito Plaza Company and American Stores, but she added: "There are ways we can work out some of these programs." Rogers, who called the May 28

meeting at the request of El Cerrito councilmembers Brusatori and Norman LaForce, was careful to stress that El Cerrito, and not the county, needs to make decisions about the Plaza. "The city of El Cerrito needs to have some consensus," he said.

Rogers said the county needs to be careful not to appear to be "trying to cut people off in one direction or the other." He again emphasized the process is at the "very preliminary stage" and that he is simply trying to "open up lines of communication" between city and county.

Longtime El Cerrito and council watcher Bob Winslow wondered if Roger's interest in the Plaza was politically motivated. "I'm a little curious why this is being held five days before an election?" Winslow asked Rogers. "I think there's a

little politics tangled up here," he said, adding, "This is our city and we don't want a political pull by you or anybody else."

Rogers responded by saying he's often accused of "politics" when he's simply doing his job as county supervisor. "I'm not going to wait to deal with this issue or any other issue," Rogers said. "I'm not going to stop doing my job" because of the election. The grant and loan process takes about nine months from start to finish.

Rogers said he will hold another meeting in a few months after the City Council decides what to do about Plaza development.

"I know this has been a frustrating process," he said of Plaza revitalization.

Perhaps, as someone from the audience shouted, the hardest part is over.

Special note of thanks from Albany resident

ALBANY — A note dropped to The Journal from Jackson Street resident Lydia Goldsmith wishes to "thank the Albany Police Department and Fire Department and all

my neighbors for saving my life."

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Marin School in Albany is holding its third annual 'Chalk It Up Festival,' a fundraising event to benefit the school's fine arts program, on June 6, when folks are invited to the school, 1001 Santa Fe Ave., to create a 'work of art' in chalk. Ten dollars buys a cement square of the day and a box of 24 chalk pastels. The chalk is yours to keep. Come anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Call Marin School at 559-6520 to reserve your square.

People

Officers of the Year

Officer Michael W. Regan of the El Cerrito Police and Officer Dave Bettencourt of the Albany Police were among the honorees at the Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club Officer of the Year awards dinner held last week at the Galileo Club in Richmond. Other honorees were California Highway Patrol Sgt. Fred Bowe, Contra Costa Sheriff's Department Det. Todd Kidder and Berkeley Police Sgt. Alex G. Boca.

Devyn Wells

Devyn Wells, a student of Mrs. Christensen at Kensington Hilltop Elementary, was a fourth place winner in the 12th annual Fifth Grade Story Contest sponsored by the California Writers' Club of Berkeley.

Bernes Scholarships

August L. Bernes Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 are being given in recognition of exemplary leadership to school and community and have been given to the following graduating seniors from the high schools of the West Contra Costa Unified School District, include Pakaiphet Chaiyasit and

Primrose Boynton of El Cerrito High School.

The scholarships honor August L. Bernes, respected leader in the Richmond community, the school and the Retired Teachers Association West Contra Costa Division 58. Mr. Bernes died in 1977. since his death, the local Retired Teachers organization has given a total of 181 awards totalling \$166,250.

Phoebe Dann

Long-time Albany Stannage Avenue resident Phoebe H. Dann graduated from Yale University, New Haven, Conn. on Memorial Day. A resident of Calhoun College, Phoebe will receive a bachelor of science degree in Molecular



Phoebe Dann

years, was awarded Academic All-Ivy League honors, and All-Ivy Second Team and Honorable Mention as an outside hitter.

She is a product of the Albany Village Parent-Child Nursery, Marin Elementary School, Albany Middle School, and Berkeley High

Biochemistry and Biophysics. She has been accepted and plans to attend medical school in New York City in the fall.

At Yale Dann was a resident of Calhoun College, played on the varsity volleyball team all four

School where she served as yearbook committee, lettered in city volleyball, and did volunteer work. She also studied classical piano for many years with Mary in El Cerrito.

In addition to receiving academic honors throughout her career, she played with the Bears Volleyball Club, and at various times took ballet, participated in girls soccer, softball, track and pitched for the Red Sox in the bany Little League. She will return to Albany to work for the summer.

Natsuko Toyofuku

Natsuko Toyofuku, daughter of Ms. Shoshana Arai and Mr. Toyofuku of El Cerrito, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Toyofuku completed a concentration in Cognitive Science, was president of the Ballroom Dance Club at Brown.

Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

School District Community Hotline: 869-3715 —call this number to receive the most current information regarding school facility issues.

Last day of school is Friday, June 12. Elementary schools will be attending a Wednesday schedule: grades 1-3, 8:30 to 1:45; grades 4-5, 8:30 to 1:40. Middle school will be dismissed at 12:30.

8th Grade graduation is Thursday, June 11 at 4 p.m. in the Berkeley Community Theater. Admission by ticket only.

High School graduation will be held Thursday, June 11 at 8 p.m. in the Berkeley Community Theater. Admission by ticket only.

School board

Board of Education meets, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell multi-use room.

Special interest meetings

Orientation for parents of new Middle School students will be held Tuesday, June 9 from 7-8 p.m. in the AMS Library.

Announcements

Classes for the Albany Summer Music Program begin Tuesday, June 16 at Albany High School. Open to students grades 4-9. Details: 524-9283.

Summer school will be held at Marin Elementary School for students in grades K-4; at Albany Middle for grades 5-7; at Albany High for high school proficiencies and a remedial/pre-algebra math class for grades 8-11. Pick up registration forms at the school district office, 904 Talbot.

Dave

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overestimate the difficulty of getting around the area just as I did before checking it out. Parking is definitely not a problem, and some may enjoy playing sidewalk superintendant before 3:30 p.m. when most work stops.

The City of Albany has expended much time, energy, and money in public meetings to garner citizen input for its Citywide Transportation Plan and the Bicycle Advisory Committee proposal to cut Marin Avenue down from four travel lanes to two flanked by bike

paths.

But as of this writing the city has not asked either Police Chief Larry Murdo nor Fire Chief Marc McGinn how they thought the plans might effect delivery of services by their departments. Although not pleased with the plan for a number of safety reasons, Murdo has said police cars could take alternate routes unsuitable for fire trucks.

Chief McGinn said that he was "bothered" that neither he nor Murdo had been consulted. He also felt that creating bike lanes on Marin Avenue was, "ludicrous for just one mile." He felt bike lanes on San Pablo Avenue, which runs for some 20 miles through six cities, would make more sense at least in that respect.

McGinn also worries about a new breed of driver's who do not make way for emergency vehicles as legally required. "Drivers today are a lot different than they were or 20 years ago," he said. "Then when people saw the lights and heard the siren they pulled over in both directions. Now many of them don't, and some become what we call 'trailers' following along behind so we can clear the way for them."

The fire chief sees these bad driving habits as exacerbating the problem caused by having Marin Avenue losing half its travel lanes. He believes that the plan, "Will create a hardship."

A lengthening of response time would most seriously effect those south of Solano and East of San Pablo Avenues.

Obituaries

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ALAN W. HISCOX

Of Albany, Ca, died peacefully on May 17, 1998 in Oakland, CA. He was 68 years of age. he is survived by five children; Linda O'Connor, Karen Yocum, Laurie Westphal, Kenneth Hiscox and Erin Riley-Hiscox; A sister Midge Frost, A brother Robert Hiscox and nine grandchildren as well as many, many friends. Mr. Hiscox was a San Francisco Chronicle dealer in the Piedmont area for over 35 years. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, June 28, 1998, at the Men's Faculty Club on the UC Berkeley Campus from 2-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Obituary

Walter Selton

Walter J. Selton, a resident of Cerrito for six years and a long-time resident of Redwood City, passed away on May 20.

Born in Finland on January 19, 1909, he was a member of the Pipers and Tapers Union No. 913. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen, in 1989.

In World War II he served Europe with the U.S. Armed Forces. He is survived by Adele, Linda, Carl Gustafson in El Cerrito and many relatives out-of-state.

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Police Reports

Domestic dispute turns violent

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — On May 26 at about 6 p.m. a man pistol whipped his son after the son was observed threatening his mother with a knife, according to police reports. The son then went outside and broke the windshield of his father's Chevy pickup with a blunt object. No arrests were made.

While a woman showered at her residence on the 6700 block of Willys Ave. on May 29 a man holding a hammer over his head ripped down the shower curtain. He first threatened to strike the woman and her dog. He then threatened to kill her and her friend.

Sometime between noon and 5 p.m. on May 25 someone pried open the rear kitchen window of a residence on the 2600 block of Tulare Ave. but did not gain entry. The damage was estimated at \$175.

On May 6 at about 9:40 p.m. a 73-year-old man was arrested after fleeing the scene of a collision on the 800 block of Craft Ave. while operating his Ford Explorer under the influence of alcohol.

Sometime between 6:45 p.m. on May 25 and 6:30 a.m. on May 26 an unknown suspect shattered the driver's side window of a '90 Plymouth Voyager parked on the 200 block of Pomona. The suspect rifled through a storage drawer under the driver's seat. Damage was estimated at \$400.

Sometime between 11 p.m. on May 25 and 6:25 a.m. on May 26 an unknown suspect entered a vehicle parked on the 1817 block of Elm and removed a flashlight from the glove box.

A '97 Honda CRV was reported stolen from the 11200 block of San Pablo Ave. on May 27.

On May 28 a male juvenile threw a brick through the window of a residence on the 700 block of Norvell Ave. The assailant entered the residence and removed pagers, money and some Super Nintendo games. He was later caught and the property returned.

On May 26 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. someone forced the door open of a residence on the 3300 block of Santa Clara and removed property.

At about 2:30 a.m. on May 25 a man was found to be under the influence of alcohol after he wrecked his '95 Oldsmobile Cutlass into a parked car on the 100 block of Behrens St. He registered a .16 on a breathalyzer test.

On May 8 a man was pulled over on South 53rd near Potrero Ave. for not wearing a seat belt, during which time the officer found that the vehicle had fraudulent 1999 tags on its license plate. It was found that the vehicle's registration had expired in 1997. No arrest was made.

An '88 Chevy van was reported stolen from a parking lot at the corner of San Pablo Ave. and Cutting Blvd. on May 27.

On May 16 a man was arrested during a traffic stop at Eastshore Blvd. and Potrero Ave. after police concluded that he was operating an '89 Dodge Spirit while under the influence of a controlled substance.

On May 21 at about 2 a.m. a man driving a '97 Toyota Camry was observed by police driving erratically on San Pablo Ave. near Panama. Police arrested the man for driving under the influence of alcohol.

On May 29 a man took a taxi from Pleasant Hill to various places

ending on the 300 block of Behrens St. in El Cerrito. He was unable to pay his \$430 bill. Police determined that the man was under the influence of a controlled substance.

On May 26 a man reported that when he arrived home another man was waiting for him. The assailant attacked the resident leaving several scratches and bite marks.

At 5:05 p.m. on May 28 someone exited the passenger-side of a Honda Civic and pushed a juvenile from his bicycle. The assailant fled north on San Pablo Ave. The driver of the vehicle fled in the same direction.

On May 21 a man was arrested on South 56th near Bayview Ave. for operating an '86 Ford Bronco under the influence of alcohol.

On May 22 a man was found to be operating his '93 Honda Civic while under the influence of alcohol after he ran into a parked car on Colusa Ave. Near Terrace Dr.

During a traffic stop on Richmond St. near Stockton Ave. on May 23 at about 12:09 a.m. police arrested a man for operating a '72 Ford truck while under the influence of alcohol.

On May 28 a man was arrested for possession of marijuana during a traffic stop on Eureka near Kearney St. The man was released with a citation at the scene.

An '85 Toyota MR2 was reported stolen from the 10400 block of San Pablo Ave. on May 24. The vehicle was later recovered.

Activity on the waterfront

By K. Osborn

On May 26 a resident on the 600 block of Carmel Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen his brown '84 Oldsmobile. The car was later found in Richmond with the window smashed and the steering column broken. Richmond police did not have anyone in custody.

On May 24 a man who lives on the landfill reported that he had been attacked by another man a couple hours earlier who also lives on the landfill. The attacker reportedly pulled a knife and slashed the victim's jacket. He also took his baseball cap and eye glasses. The man was able to give officers a description of his attacker and the attacker's name. Police are investigating.

On May 25 officers responded to a banging noise on the 400 block of Adams Street. Officers investigated and observed an 18-year-old Albany man breaking into a car parked in the area. Because the crime occurred on state property, the CHP was called in to handle the arrest.

On May 25 officers stopped a '97 Yamaha for an expired registration and found that the driver, a 64-year-old San Rafael man, had outstanding warrants from Marin County for DUI and causing injury in the amount of \$1,000. He was arrested, cited and released

with a Notice to Appear.

On the night of May 25 officers, while doing a routine check of the landfill area, contacted a 35-year-old man who appeared to be disoriented. He was found to be intoxicated and gave false information to officers. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

On May 26 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves broke into his white '94 Plymouth van.

On May 28 a resident on the 900 block of Carmel Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his car cover while the car was parked near his home.

Just after midnight on May 30 officers stopped a blue '81 Ford on San Pablo Avenue near Harrison Street for a traffic violation. The driver, a Berkeley woman, was found to have an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear. She was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

Just after midnight on May 30 officers stopped a 17-year-old San Pablo youth for suspicious activity. He was arrested for public intoxication and violation of probation and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

At about 5:30 a.m. on May 30 officers stopped a white '93 Ford in UC Village for an expired reg-

istration. The driver, a 25-year-old Oakland man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from BART police in the amount of \$25,000. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 10:15 p.m. on May 30 officers contacted a man and a woman on the Albany beach who had built a bonfire. The 36-year-old Berkeley man was found to have two outstanding warrants totaling \$10,000 for disorderly conduct. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 11 p.m. on May 30 a resident on the 900 block of Pomona Avenue reported that during the day thieves had stolen items from his boat that was parked in front of his house.

During the week of May 24 officers fingerprinted two people at their request, towed four cars, responded to nine false alarms, attended to 13 lost or deceased animals (including three deer seen on Buchanan near Jackson), assisted two people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to two reports of barking dogs. Officers stopped 102 vehicles issuing 55 warnings and 47 citations. In the domestic arena officers intervened in five domestic disputes, 15 civil disturbances and 71 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to 13 medical emergencies.

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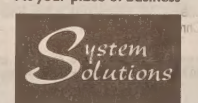
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Car artist creates 'Vehicle of Enlightenment'

You must have seen it driving around town. You cannot miss this car. Susan Jette calls it her Art Car, and it certainly is. The decorations on the car cover every possible spot, although she is still working on it. They include everything: jewelry, buttons, cartoon characters (especially Felix the Cat. That is a special collection of hers, and is represented in many spots on and in the car), artifacts of all kinds.

And they are not applied haphazardly. She has sections covering a variety of her interests, including a music section.

Steve Margolis was passing her house and saw her at work on it. Fascinated, he talked with her about it, and told her he had to tell me about it so I could tell you. She tells me that as she works on the decorations on the car, usually on a spare Saturday, many people stop and talk with her about it. She has met many of her neighbors that way, and often people later bring her items that they think belong on one of the specialty sections.

As I have said, it began on the front, with a small dinosaur hood ornament.

Susan had seen other art cars and had been wowed by them. Her own interest began about a year ago when she visited the Di Rose Art Gallery and Nature Preserve. It is run by Rene Di Rose, a famous art collector who specializes in Bay Area artists. Di Rosa comes to open studio showings at Napa State Hospital, where Susan Jette is a music therapist, and has bought several pieces of art there. That is where they met.

In the gallery Susan saw two art cars made by David Best of Petaluma. "They were beautiful works of art," she says, but it was about two months later when it occurred to her. "I have a lot of weird stuff," she said, noting that she is a "pack rat" who keeps everything. Also, she says, everyone gives her their odd "stuff," and she has gone to the Burning Man festival and other places where she buys the odd and weird.

So, she started her art car. She envisioned it as a group project with friends, but she started alone, to start small, and just for fun. "I didn't dream it would end up being this big a project," but "I really like it," she says, "It makes people happy and brings a lot of

interaction with other people."

She includes a lot of 'old family stuff', including dolls that were hers as a child, and other objects of her childhood. She has a kitchen area and a bathroom area, musical instruments, tools, and items too many to mention.

In her long commute to and from Napa (she lives in Albany now), people honk, wave and smile. Sometimes she sees little kids, their faces pressed against the window, marveling at the wondrous sight of the decorated car, and they wave and call out, "Hi. Nice car."

"Most people have something on or in their car," she says, and points out teddy bears in the car, stickers on their bumpers and other decor. Jette just carries it a little, well, quite a bit further. And she is still working on it, not only repairing parts that are falling off, but adding more.

Susan Jette is from New Hampshire, and says most of her family is still back there, so she makes pilgrimages east, which accounts for the lobster claws and maple sugar stalks on her car. After studying music therapy at the University

of Michigan, she moved to Napa to do her internship, after which she was hired to continue, and has worked in Napa for 16 years.

She also studied percussions and is an accomplished percussionist. She plays it all. An eclectic mix of world music, including African rhythms, Japanese Taiko, plays the Gamelan, an Indonesian percussion instrument, and many more. She has made instruments for her car out of shrink sheets of plastic (she even explained how to do it, which didn't sound easy), and has instruments from all over the world as part of the car's decor. Did I tell you she named her car the "Vehicle of Enlightenment"?

In her Art Car Journal she keeps track of what she has put on her car, and where applicable, who gave it to her. Her roommate, for example, who is a clothing designer, has given her antique buttons and jewelry. And people from all parts of her life donate to the conglomeration. People from the music part (she plays with the Santa Rosa Symphony Orchestra, the Womens Philharmonic in San Francisco, with Gamelan Sekar Jaya

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



of El Cerrito, performs music and dance of Bali, and other groups. She plays at the Oakland Marriott, and with an all womans band called D'Cuckoo), from her Napa music therapy life, and all other parts of her very busy, creative life. She says it has been a metaphor for life.

She has a little bank her brother gave to her, which was one of the first decorations, after the dinosaur hood ornament. People put pennies into the bank, she says, and they remain. My account is a little jumbled because that was how our interview went. While telling me about herself she would remember another item on her car and the story behind it. As a matter of fact, when we went down to really look at the car, the stories came fast and furiously.

Her art car is a 1989 blue Subaru

because she needs a station wagon to carry her percussion instruments, it is fortunate, because it gives her a larger expanse to cover.

Look for it. Susan Jette's art car is much more than an automobile. It is art on wheels, and it is, indeed, a metaphor for her life.

Thank you, Steve Margolis, calling her to my attention. What And, as usual, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting events, organizations, travel, special hobbies. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706 or call 525-4585. If you called and somehow I have not followed up, please forgive me. I am not well organized. Call again write or email me at crgenser@aol.com

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glintermick

City finances topic of next meeting

The City Budget For 1998-99 or More Than You Wanted To Know About City Finances" will be the topic at the El Cerrito Chamber's spring business luncheon on Monday, June 22.

Guest speaker for the session, to be held at noon at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave., will be El Cerrito City Manager Gary Pokorny.

This event is open to all members and their guests. Reservations and menu selection must be made by telephoning the Chamber at 233-7040 before the close of business on Thursday, June 18.

Following this session there will be no more business meetings for the rest of the summer. The luncheon sessions will resume on Monday, June 28.

Presidential reception set

A presidential rose garden

reception — local style — will highlight the Chamber's June mixer.

On Wednesday, June 17, Chamber President Bill Kerber will play host to members and friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the rose garden adjacent to the Freeway Motel at 11645 San Pablo Ave.

Promising many special attractions at this event, Kerber points out that this mixer will celebrate the 67th anniversary of the local motel.

Reservations for this social event are not required, but would be helpful in planning. Those who wish to attend should call 233-7040.

Earns Chamber appreciation

The El Cerrito Chamber would like to express its thanks to Postal Annex Plus and to the Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club, who showed their support by reinvesting recently in this organization.

Wiser but poorer after outing

Once again a packed house turned out for this year's El Cerrito Chamber Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields.

Among those from the Chamber who participated in this day of fine food, fun and wild wagering were:

Michael and Jeannie Klinger, Ed and Lee Canepa, Frank and Ann Hardina, Leona Seidell and sister, Marvin and Marge Collins, Rena Bruton and party, Verne and Joyce Odlin, Larry Sanchez and Danielle Cone, and Sewall and Reevea Glintermick.

We were also pleased to have as our guest former Chamber manager Del Wisenor and his daughter, Judy.

Birthday greetings

The El Cerrito Chamber would like to extend warmest birthday wishes to Shadi, one of only two people ever granted the title of honorary member by this organization.

Shadi, who is getting along in years, will celebrate his next birthday



At the winner's circle at Golden Gate Fields May 20 for the race named for the community of El Cerrito: Chamber Past President Verne Odlin, Veronica Nichols of Bank of the West, jockey Ken Tohl, Chamber Past President Rena Bruton, Chamber manager Sewall Glintermick, and Past President Michael Klinger.

on June 16. Over time he has been showered with honors by the city and several local organizations for his outstanding civic work.

In 1986 the Chamber made him an honorary member, and the next year the El Cerrito Roary Club accorded him the same honor. In addition to several commendations from the city, Shadi was also given a Life Service

Award by the Madera School PTA.

Well known for organizing United Nations Day programs in El Cerrito, Shadi also actively supports the work of the El Cerrito Garden Club and is well known throughout Northern California for his beautiful garden and his outstanding holiday displays which attract hundreds of visitors to El Cerrito annually.

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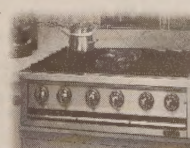


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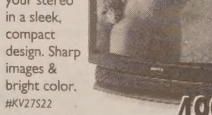
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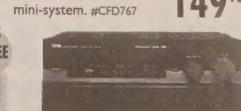


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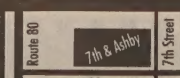
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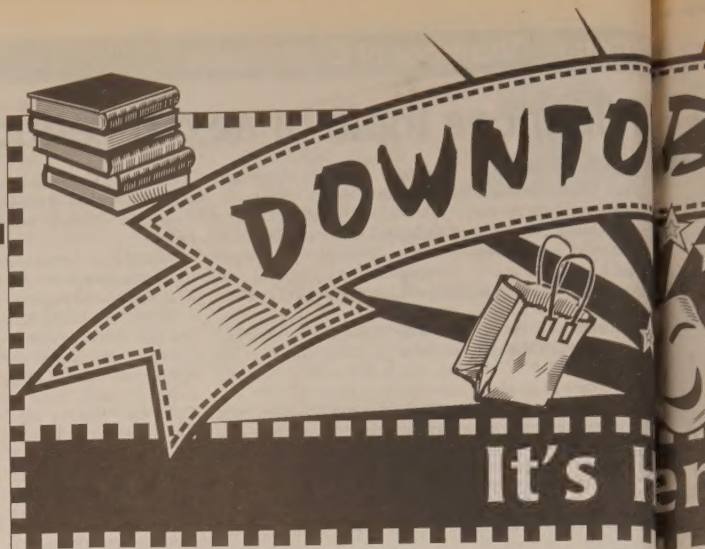
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"Very few museums are geared to the specific needs and interests of our youngest children. The Children's Museum will be a first-of-its-kind in the East Bay and a service to families with preschoolers," says board president and founder, Gina Moreland.

Two years ago, Habitot created the traveling exhibit, *Waterworks*, which has toured festivals, fairs, pre-schools and community centers around the East Bay. Its strong success has helped build growing





Berkeley Innovative Museum

Support for the five year old organization to establish a permanent site.

A survey taken last year ranked downtown Berkeley as the top location for an East Bay Children's Museum, and showed enthusiastic support for Habitot Children's Museum. Over 70% of respondents said they would visit such a museum at least every other month if located in Berkeley. The survey also rated the availability of parking extremely high, while preferences indicated access to BART essential for field trips.

The downtown Berkeley location meets all criteria. Berkeley Mayor, Mayor Dean, and a majority of the City Council have endorsed Habitot Children's Museum and welcome Bay families to the downtown location. The City is already in the process of creating a downtown arts district of theaters, museums and galleries near the site of Habitot's new museum. The public library will be undergoing renovation as well.

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Berkeley Festival

The fifth biennial Berkeley Festival and Exhibition, celebration of early music offering exhibits, group concerts and recitals, master classes, lectures and more, is June 6 through June 14.

Some highlights of the presentation by Cal Performances include Il Compianto Barocco, June 7 and June 9, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 p.m. Call for a complete schedule. At Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, University of California. \$24.

Concerts on the Fringe

A series of concerts and events independent of the Berkeley Festival will include:

Musica Coelorum, June 7, 1:30 p.m. At Saint Joseph of Arimathea Chapel, 2316 Bowditch St. Free. 752-4253.

Yuko Tanaka, harpsichord, June 9, 3 p.m. At Saint Joseph of Arimathea Chapel, 2316 Bowditch St. \$8. 339-1687.

Sotto Voce, June 11, 3 p.m. At Cafe Olam, Berkeley Hillel, 2736 Bancroft Way. \$12.

Santa Cruz Chorale, June 11, 3 p.m. At Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way. \$10 to \$12. (408) 427-8023.

San Francisco Classical Woodwind Quartet, June 13, noon. At Music Sources, 1000 The Alameda. \$13 to \$15. 528-1685.

Digital artist's 'Moonfire' in Albany



Melanie and Emily Hofmann in 'Out of the Blues,' part of a digital art show at Community Center Foyer Gallery in Albany.

The Albany Arts Committee announces the opening of an exhibit at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery with paintings by Albany artist Melanie Hofmann. The show, "Moonfire," featuring imaginative and colorful images in print and on fabric, runs through August 31. The opening reception is Sunday, June 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Using state-of-the-art digital equipment to produce her striking pieces, Ms. Hofmann creatively alters the outcome of her works by including ordinary objects, such as rocks or crumpled up pieces of fabric, when scanning an image.

Ms. Hoffman enjoys exploring the unknown and allowing unpredictability to be a part of her creative process.

"I love starting something, then being surprised by it, then taking that surprise even further and developing something new," she says. "Sometimes incredibly beautiful colors, textures, ridges and edges result. It's always an unknown."

Applications for artists wishing to be considered for future exhibits are available at the Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details: Tanna Bellia, 524-9283.

Live Oak Park Fair

Live Oak Park Fair is June 6 and 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the park, 1301 Shattuck Avenue at Berryman in Berkeley.

Saturday features story telling, juggling, Klezmer, South American and Andean music, FatChance BellyDance and more. Sunday features a magic show, a French accordionist, women's a cappella singing. On both days from noon - 3 p.m. The Edlen Brothers in the Cafe, an event where kids can make hats and other crafts with the East Bay Center for Creative Reuse.

Food includes Thai barbecue, homemade sausages, corn, baked goods, lemonade, coffee, and jams. Admission is free. Details: 986-9337.

Point Arts Guild show and sale

Ten West County artists known as the Point Arts Guild will have their fifth annual studio show in Point Richmond on June 5, 6 and 7. A reception with refreshments will be held Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The studio address is 111 West Richmond Ave.

The Guild, which was formed 1987, supports each other by sharing knowledge, resources and ideas. They have regular open studios, workshops, and several ceramic pit fires a year at a local beach.

The artists work in a wide variety of media and styles, including ceramic sculpture and vessels, jewelry, art furniture, accessories, paintings, cards, handmade paper items, wearable art, masks, dolls, and ceremonial objects. The artwork ranges from decorative, spiritual, provocative, playful, erotic and joyous.

Fun at Tilden

Upcoming programs at the Tilden Park Environmental Education Center:

"Super Skull Sleuths," June 6, 2 p.m. See a display of skulls and pelts that you can touch and learn about. Meet at the Environmental Education Center.

"Scaly and Shiny Sleuths," June 7, 11 a.m. Learn the difference between amphibians and reptiles, and then meet a few.

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Big Band at Berkeley Public Library

The fabulous Montclair Women's Big Band, Directed by Ellen Seeling, lights up the dance floor at Berkeley Public Library's Central Reading Room (2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, downtown Berkeley) for "A Landmark Gala: Swingin' in the Stacks" to benefit the Berkeley Public Library Foundation. On Saturday, June 6, from 8 p.m. 'til midnight, this top-flight big band recalls the Dorsey-Miller-Basie classics and laces them with propulsive contemporary solos. This will

Examining the life of a modern savage

'Posing for Gauguin' puts artist under the microscope

By Carol Egan

The Aurora Theatre brings its sixth season to a close with the world premiere of Dorothy Bryant's third play written, as were two previous ones, specifically for the Aurora. For this occasion Bryant, one of the company's founding members, has created "Posing for Gauguin" which deals, as the title implies, with the French artist, many of whose greatest works were created in Tahiti. As she did with her previous two plays, Bryant has selected a historical figure and put his life under the microscope. Whereas her earlier subjects were



Owen Murphy plays painter Paul Gauguin in his Tahitian life in the Aurora Theatre's new world premiere production.

Sue Self

characters from literature (George Sand, Gustave Flaubert, and Simone Weil), this time the subject of the dissection is the post-impressionist painter, Paul Gauguin.

Entering the Aurora Theatre at the Berkeley City Club, one can almost feel the humidity rising. Stepping over rattan mats, sur-

rounded by bamboo walls, and with palm fronds hanging above one's head, one senses the atmosphere of a tropical island. The 82-minute play takes place in one location, Gauguin's hut in Tahiti, and during the last night of the year — Dec. 31, 1897.

The care given to imparting the look and feel of the South Pacific

is evident in the set (designer Donyale Werle) as well as costumes for the three characters of the play (by Eliza Chung). An assortment of props ranging from painters' tools and brushes to facts from random cultures are fully selected by Patsy Moore.

See GAUGUIN, page 1

Zig Zag weaves lyrical magic

Satiric fantasy features early music and incredible creature

By Carol Egan

As one of several "Concurrent Events" to the Berkeley Early Music Festival and Exhibition, Zig Zag Theatre presents "Le Couronnement de la Poupée," choreographed by Cheryl Koehler to a suite of early music performed by KATastroPHE (baroque harpsichordists Phebe Craig and Katherine Westine). The only performances of this work-in-progress will take place June 7 at 5 and 6:30 pm at St. Marks Episcopal Church, Bancroft and Ellsworth in Berkeley.

In 1990 Koehler created Zig Zag Theatre, which aims to bring unique productions weaving dance, music, puppetry, and unusual costumes to Bay Area audiences. It presents stories filled with wonder, mystery, and humor, and is best known to date for its productions of "The Fish and the Fire," a 1993 collaboration with composer Phil Freihofner, and the Sarah Michael opera "The Sealwoman," produced in 1996. Both works were presented at the Julia Morgan Theater.

Best known in the Bay Area for her many costume designs for dance companies, Koehler con-

siders herself first and foremost a dancer and choreographer, although she admits that "My full-time job is designing costumes." She confesses that her dance studies at Mills College were made possible, in part, because of her talent as a costumer, and that she was admitted into the Mills dance program primarily because they needed a costumer at the time. Ironically, she is still connected to the Mills dance department, teaching classes in Labanotation there every other year.

"I went into dance because I was interested in the creative aspect of it. Dance is always the center of my work, but it sometimes gets overshadowed by visual creatures in motion. I like animating things and seeing things that don't normally move come to life. In the dance community my work isn't considered dance so much, but dance is always at the core of it." It is this love of movement that also causes Koehler to limit her costume designs to dance.

Working with Koehler on the current production is a frequent



collaborator, Berkeley artist/signer, Ariel. The two women originally met in the 1980s when modern dance choreographer Brynarl Mehl hired Koehler to design and Ariel to dye a set of unitards. Working together, they developed a rapport and mutual respect. "I find that working this way as collaborators allows us to expand our visions. Her [Ariel's] vision is so refined, I really feel like an apprentice when I'm working with her."

Koehler discloses that "Le

Coronement de la Poupée" initially conceived in 1990 when she was a diver-tissement for a Renaissance banquet at the Early Music Society Workshop at Mills College. "What was called for an elephant and a stag. And I had just made a stag mask."

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Superfest fresh look at disability

Superfest, an International Media Festival on Disabilities, is where one can see works about disability unlike those most usually seen: irreverent, hilarious, informative, shocking. Superfest runs June 6 and 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley (\$5-\$10 sliding scale). On Sunday, June 7, there will be a reception for the makers from 6-7 and an Awards Event from 7-9.

Over 60 percent of the 41 works entered in this year's Superfest were in first-person voices, by makers with disabilities, and over 70 percent were by independent makers. Pamela Walker, coordinator of Superfest XVIII warns with a smirk, "These are most definitely NOT 'how to tie your shoes if you only have one arm' videos."



Jamie Westhal

Award-winning Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble 1997-'98: (back row, from left) Justin James, Ambrose Akimure, Jonathan Finlayson, Zaid McKinnis, Krisberg, Emily Yoder, Charles Hamilton, leader (third row) John Sachs, Sam Hollander, David Grunwald, Jake Fiss-Hobart, Tom Mayer, David Diggs, David Lee; (second row) Eli Karas (on piano), Valentino Pelloni, John Michael-Ruddy, Carl Branley; (front row) Abe Kato, Milder, John DeSera. Missing from photo: Jasper Liao, Selina Traylor, Thomas Pridden.

Berkeley High jazz year-end concert

Berkeley High School's Lab Band, Jazz Combo and Jazz Ensemble play one last time this school year at the Little Theater Friday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 general, \$3 students and seniors. Some of the players are graduating, so this may be your last chance to catch some cool sounds.

Superfest

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Country, a one-hour documentary by Phyllis Ward; receive the Best of Festival for Superfest XVIII. The profiles three people whose lives have been shaped by the struggle for their rights. It is hosted by DePreist, a symphony conductor who was disabled by a young man. An irony of DePreist's life is that he is the son of Marion Anderson, who was barred from performing at Constitution Hall because of her ethnicity; later, DePreist faces structural barriers at the same time, until the Americans with Disabilities Act enables her to perform.

Library book blowout

The Berkeley Public Library are holding a closeout sale through Sunday, June 7 at the Central Library, 2090 College St. at Shattuck Avenue. Last chance to get a great bargain, help yourself by helping others. Come and get 'em.

Federal Building in 1977.

The Spirit of Superfest Awards will go to *Visions & Voices* by Patricia Chadwick and Suzanne C. Levine, local makers who made a video about women with disabilities who attended the U.N. Fourth World conference in Beijing, China in 1995; and to *The Ten Commandments of Dealing with People with Disabilities* by Irene M. Ward and Associates. This award goes to productions where people with disabilities were significantly involved in production or post-production.

Other winning works by local makers to be screened include *B-Ball: The Team that Never Lost a Game* by Dirk Dirksen, *In the Groove* by Executive Producer Jack Walsh and Producer & Host Liane Yasumoto, and *No Apologies* by Peni Hall and Pandoura Carpenter, Wry Crips Disabled Women's Theatre.

For a screening schedule of Superfest XVIII, call 845-5576 or email Superfest@AOL.com

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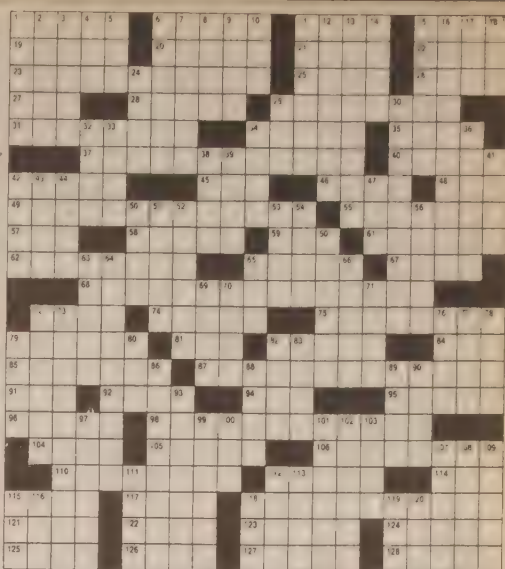
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Zig Zag

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art exhibit." The elephant, cre-

ated for the occasion, was subsequently put into storage along with the stag in Ariel's home workshop. There they have waited pa-

tiently until their next incarnation.

Periodically the two women would discuss returning to the el-

ephant/stag story to continue expanding its potential. Finally the opportunity presented itself when they learned of the "Concurrent Events" aspect of the Berkeley Festival. The story has expanded by now to include a doll (The Puppet King) and a throne. Besides Koehler (who performs the role of The Throne) other dancers include Kitty Luce, Elyse Miller, and Mary Reid. The resemblance to Monteverdi's opera entitled "L'Incoronazione di Poppea," which will be performed on the Berkeley Festival a week later, is purely tongue-in-cheek. As Koehler says, speaking of her musical collaborators, "KAT-astroPHE are very irreverent." For this production the musical selections are a dance suite by Handel and a courante by Rameau.

The next incarnation of the work is already in the planning stages. A new score, composed by Sarah Michael, will include singers. Although she is not yet sure when or where it will take place, Koehler is hoping the work can be completed and produced within the next year. Even if you missed the first incarnation of the elephant and stag saga, it's possible to catch version number two this weekend. Tickets are \$10 general, \$6 student and seniors. For information and reservations call 654-5814.

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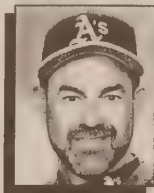
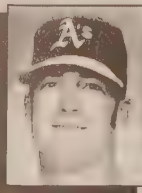
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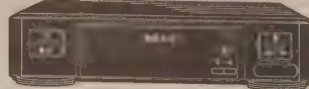
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Chorale and Symphony

The Contra Costa Chorale, directed by Richard Kramer and

Kensington Symphony Orchestra, directed by Lloyd Elliot will perform the Brahms "Requiem," with soloists Karen Anderson, soprano and Hector Vasquez, baritone. The Kensington Symphony Orchestra will present Max Bruch's "Scottish Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra" with soloist Brooke Aird, violin on Saturday, June 6 at 8 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St., Richmond Heights.

Tickets: \$10 general and \$8 students/seniors available at the door or call 527-2026 for information. Children under 16 are free.

Harpichord semi-finals

American Bach Soloists' International Harpichord Compe-

tition Semi-Finals, June 6, 8 p.m. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. \$14. The Finals will be June 9, 5 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. \$16.

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The Ecology Center's 1998 gardening class series continues with a discussion of herbal products and how-to's.

Teri Compost, herb business owner, hosts the class at the Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave. (at the corner of Blake Street) on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Cost is \$10 general, \$6 for Ecology Center members. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

Advance registration is encouraged. Call information coordinator at 548-2220. UC walking tour Berkeley Historical Society and Steve Finacom invite everyone to visit lesser-known northern parts of the Cal campus and learn about student atargazing, trees thought to be extinct, Berkeley's Victorian conservatory and oldest redwood, "Father Noah's Ark," the West's first internal combustion engine, "feral insects," a tunnel through the Hayward Fault, an airplane hangar on campus, concrete canoe construction, and the edge of the 1923 fire.

Walk is uphill most of the way, with some short, steep parts. It starts at Cafe Pasqua, Oxford and Center streets at 10 a.m., and ends near Hearst and Gayley Road at noon.

Pancake breakfast

Friends of Albany Seniors host a pancake breakfast at the Albany Senior Center Sunday morning.

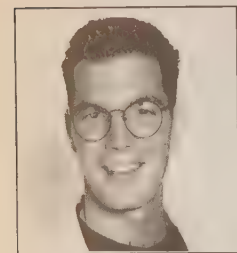
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At 846 Masonic Ave. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 7. Call Jean Allen, Albany Senior Center director, at 524-9122 for info.

Regional Parks Trails Challenge

On foot, horseback or wheel, visitors to the regional parks can answer the East Bay Regional Park District's Fifth Annual Trails Challenge, complete five or more of the designated by June 21, and earn a handsome commemorative pin.

Participants not only have fun exploring new trails, they will learn about many of the projects linking communities and even the continuous trail systems. To participate in the Challenge, phone the district reservation office at 1684. Registration costs which registrants receive Trails Challenge Guide maps and descriptions of the trails. They also receive a schedule of guided hike activities.



As I See It

By Dr. Jason A. Deitch

Last week we celebrated the one year anniversary of The Foundation for Natural Health and Healing, Discover Chiropractic and The Back to Nature Store. Besides the great food supplied by Pastino's on Park Blvd., we had an inspiring evening sharing the amazing changes that families have experienced over the past year. I was

deeply touched listening and reading the stories of people who have experienced the impact of chiropractic care.

"We came here mostly for my son, who'd been treated with antibiotics numerous times for chronic ear infections. He has not had an infection since we started coming. In his school and

playgroups, the other children struggle with bouts of colds, infections, and most recently a nasty case of contagious conjunctivitis. He has remained symptom and drug free. He is now the child in his playgroup with "chronic health". I discovered that the difference between "not sick" and "healthy" is profound and miraculous and within our power, thanks to chiropractic care. A new beginning awaits all who enter here!" RD

"Giving myself the gift of chiropractic care is my way of saying "I love you" to myself. DB

"I'd like others to discover there is a way to get at the root causes of chronic physical problems rather than first treating symptoms with drugs. I believe we should all learn the marvelous potential the body has for maintaining its own health and that we

should question medical dogma more." KS

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Gauguin

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thing that hovers between light and sinister night (described by Paul A. Jenson). Under Mayotte's direction, the figures move adroitly around the pieces of furniture and objects which fill the tiny

theatrical setting is complemented by a painting stretched across the back bamboo wall. It is Gauguin's masterpieces, surreal-like "Whence Come What Are We? Whither Do We Go?" of 1898, his last completed work. Too poor by then to buy canvas, he painted it on the wall. The painting, which is a story for life, death, and the

mystery of the universe, presents many of the questions facing Gauguin at that period of his life.

Through the eyes of the ghostly character of Flora Tristan, Gauguin's long-dead grandmother, we learn some of the history of the family: Gauguin's childhood years spent living with an uncle in Peru; his apprenticeship as a merchant seaman and member of the navy; his career as a bourgeois Parisian stockbroker. It was while a young man at sea that he heard tales of exotic South Sea islands where weary Europeans might find an earthly paradise.

The play depicts Gauguin five years after his decision, made in 1883, to abandon his business career and pursue art as a full-time career. Unsuccessful at selling his

works, Gauguin became increasingly impoverished and alienated from his family. After several years of hardship, Gauguin decided to escape the "European struggle for money." In 1891 he had secured enough money from the sale of paintings he had accumulated to sail for Tahiti. It is there that the play takes place.

As one has come to expect from the Aurora Theatre, the cast is superb. In the role of Paul Gauguin, Owen Murphy is able to convey the painter simultaneously as a blustering, jealous, frustrated exile, and a self-doubting, impassioned man. He is portrayed at a moment of a *crise d'esprit*. Desperate, sick, and bitter, Gauguin contemplates suicide as the final solution. As the Tahitians say, he will "go into the night." His at-

tempt fails, however. Gauguin survived that crisis and several more, eventually dying on the Marquesas Island of Hiva-Oa in 1903.

Charisse Loriaux as his young mistress/model has just the right blend of wide-eyed innocence, feminine mystique, and life experience. Her role depicts one of Gauguin's most beloved subjects, the teenage Teha'amana, who presumably represents the innocent and noble savage. What we learn about her and the Tahitian culture, however, shatters many of our illusions about their supposed innocence and naiveté.

The pivotal character in the play is The Ghost of Flora Tristan, Gauguin's grandmother, whose appearance and dialogue give the play its momentum. In real life she was a dynamic character who

preached socialism but was eventually shot to death by a disappointed husband. Tristan represents another kind of social rebel within the family.

Jeri Lynn Cohen as Tristan, the conveyor of Gauguin's family history, handles the role deftly. Her discussions of Gauguin's former life in France enhances our understanding of the painter. If at times it seems like we are attending a history lecture, it is information that is necessary to enable us to better understand the characters and their times.

Our pre- and mis-conceptions about the evils of the missionary culture are also brought up for investigation. In fact, Bryant puts forth more questions than answers, and leaves it to us to put the puzzle pieces back together. Now, how-

ever, instead of a flat, two-dimensional scene, we are gifted with a rounded, three-dimensional one, able to see the characters and situation in a multi-faceted way.

For theatergoers who need action to hold their attention, this play will be a disappointment for it is an analytical, introspective work, one which requires thought and attention. For those whose interests lean in those directions, however, the evening will be filled with richness and intellectual provocation.

"Posing for Gauguin" continues at the Aurora Theatre through June 28 with performances Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for weekday and \$22 for weekend performances and may be reserved by calling 843-4822.

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Longfellow Arts and Technology Middle School; adult classes; call 644-4552 to enroll. Completion of this week's classes: Setting up your own UNIX Internet server; 1500 Derby Street in Berkeley.

Quick and Healthy Meals from Costco and Trader Joe's; 7 - 9:30 p.m.; At El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Ln, El Cerrito, 215-4371 for information about this class or for a current listing of other classes.

Dance and fitness classes; flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, ballroom, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, karate, self-defense, body conditioning, Feldenkrais, Alexander technique and more. Starting in June at the University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370. Drop in fees: \$7-10.

Taoist Internal Arts Association; classes at In Motion: A Center for Moving, Healing and Martial Arts; 813 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 527-7760; first evening of classes free.

Psychic Healing Clinic; Mondays 7-9 p.m.; at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley. Relieve Stress, release emotional baggage and renew yourself. For more info call 800-794-1991.

The International Spiritual Hypnotherapy Institute; Mondays 6 - 8:30 p.m.; hypnosis clinic; stop smoking, lose weight, release stress, fears and phobias. Delve into yourself for greater clarity and insight. For more information call 800-794-1991.

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Berkeley Yoga Center offers free introductory Yoga classes and other free events every Friday from 7-8:30 p.m.; 1250 Addison St., suite 209, Berkeley; Call 649-9812 for a full schedule of classes and workshops.

Salsa Lessons; 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrner Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

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The First annual Pink and Blue Prayer Breakfast; 9 - 11 a.m.; Enjoy a blessed menu with fruits of the spirit and Spiritual savory food and hear a dynamic speaker. At the Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, 223-5120 or 945-8509 for reservations or information. \$20 donation.

June 7
Pancake Breakfast; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sponsored by the Friends of Albany Seniors. Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Coffee. At the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany, 524-9122. \$4 adults, \$2 children.

Berkeley History Walking Tours; North UC Campus, 10 a.m. - noon. Meet at Cafe Pasqua, Oxford and Center Streets. Mostly uphill, but learn about lesser known parts of the UC Campus with Steve Finacorn. \$5 suggested donation.

Kensington 55+ Senior Center June 4; Travel: Jackie Hetman shows slides of another interesting trip.

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June 11: Gardens: Robert Raabe talks and shows slides of Perennials. June birthdays celebrated.

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Ongoing
The City of Berkeley's Adult Basketball League (18 yrs and up) announces the beginning of registration for the summer league. Games held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Season will start on June 24 at MLK Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St., Berkeley, 644-6226 for more info. \$495 per team.

Habitot Children's Museum and the Family Resource Center need volunteers: office help, museum store coordinator, exhibit staff volunteers, and front desk help. If you are interested call 647-1111, or Tricia at 530-3021.

Women's Support Groups and Stress Reduction; Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; support, nourish and replenish ourselves, develop healthy relationships for older women; El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Pre-registration required, call Amy Weiss, 466-5844.

The Open House Senior Center; support and events for the senior community, new events daily, 6500 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito, 215-4340 for the daily schedule. Call to reserve your lunch.

Able Cable presents On the Move; a television show produced by and for the

disabled community. Broadcast on KTEH Channel 54, PBS in Santa Clara County, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; on BTV Channel 25, 408-702-8069 for more information.

Volunteers needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to help feed the hungry and homeless by sorting food or participating in food drives or other special events. Call 568-3668 ext. 308 for more information and current schedule.

The Open House Senior Center; volunteers needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social day care program each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Part-time help is welcome and no experience is necessary. Call Ellen at 215-4340 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.

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Exhibits

June 11
Opening Reception of Dragons, a blending of Eastern and Western Ideas of

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June 6
An Exhibit of Paintings, Drawings, Photographs and Sculpture, by members of the Figtree Cooperative Gallery; 2599 Eighth St., #42, Berkeley. For more info call Suzanne Lacke, 540-7843.

June 6 & 7
Pro-Arts Open Studios; 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Photography and Crafts by Diane Arsanis, at 2335 Russell St., Berkeley. Clothing, jewelry and works on paper by Susan Brooks, Carol Lee Shanks, Sherilyn Sharp and Laurel Fenenga at 1250 Addison St., #214, Berkeley, 845-2612.

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Ongoing
Works on Paper by Steve Briscoe, Emilie Clark, Michael Pauker; through July 5; Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth Street, Berkeley, 527-1214.

Real Photoism via the Optic Nerve; Black and White Photos; through June 30; Berkeley Photographer Len Blau; French Hotel Cafe Gallery, 1538 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 548-9930.

Kiyo Eshima: Photography; through July 3; large scale Cibachrome prints at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut Street in Live Oak Park, Berkeley, Ad-

mission is free.

Roberta Weir Art Exhibit and Book Signing; through Aug. 25; exhibit of paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures; MiLa Fine Arts, 1307 Solano Ave., Albany; 558-0334 or 845-0653 for more info.

Berkeley Art Museum
Wendy Ewald: Collaborative Portraits; through July 5
2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 642-0808.

Berkeley Historical Society 20th Anniversary Exhibit; through Aug. 26; featuring programs exhibits and publications offered over the 20 years; Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center Street, Berkeley; 848-0181.

In Black & White; through June 7; a mixed media exhibit; also: Landscape Fictions, paintings, sculpture, photo and glass; ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 843-2527.

Albany Arts Gallery; through June 12; "Flowers of California" color photography by Michael Williams; 1251 Solano Ave., Albany; 526-9558.

An Exhibit of Historic Materials; through September 6; never before seen! Stalin's Forgotten Zion: Birobidzhan and the making of a Soviet Jewish Homeland; Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St.; 549-6950.

Sensitivity over Space, through July 21; an exhibit of original works in sculpture, ceramic, graphics and acrylic on canvas and paper by Calman Shemi; MiLa Fine Arts, 1307 Solano Ave., Albany; 558-0334 or 845-0653 for info.

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The Visible Word, through June 7; An exhibit of ancient and Byzantine; 7 p.m.; April 28; reception. At the Hewlett Library, Graduate Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

Lectures and Workshops

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ball courts, science labs, a cafeteria, parking lot and lunch shelter, among other things.

According to outgoing board president Diana McMenney, who along with McManus, can't seek reelection due to Albany term limits, the reason the board decided to build a new middle school rather than adding classrooms to the existing one "was the issue of not enough land. The (old) middle school was built for 500 kids and it has 750. It needed more classrooms, more bathrooms, a cafeteria, and sports facilities. There's room for 800 kids at the new school."

Despite the optimistic mood, there were those at the groundbreaking who remained opposed to the project. Molly Williams, who has lived on Spokane Avenue for fifty-nine years, said "I don't see why they didn't stay down on Buchanan. I thought that was a nicer place, frankly. And I don't think it's such a good idea having a middle school and high school so close together."

Williams said she and a large group of her neighbors attended many school board meetings and expressed opposition to their plans. "But they (the board) don't pay attention to us," she said. Williams added that she is also "very upset

about them wanting to close off Spokane Street. I think that's really stupid. It will just put all the more traffic up onto Key Route, you know."

McManus later told *The Journal*, "You know, it's a small town and the school has to go some place, and wherever it goes, there's going to be traffic. If the impact is not here, it would be another neighborhood." Regarding concerns about the middle school being so close to Albany High and the potential corrupting effect teenagers might have on middle school kids, McManus laughed and said "You know I think there are probably kids at Middle School who could corrupt some of the kids at the high school."

State Assemblywoman Dion Aroner addressed the crowd, marveled at the weather and praised the citizens of Albany for their accomplishments. "Doing something like this in an urban setting — can you imagine. We're building a new school in a city. It's a magnificent thought. It's an opportunity we don't have everywhere. I'm very pleased to be a part of it."

Albany Teachers Association Vice President Don De Pasquale was not so pleased. He said many middle school teachers were "rather unhappy" about the final plans "not so much because of the relocation," but because the board "designed a school and then, for financial pur-

poses, they cut back and cut back," until the result was, as he put it, "a compromise school." Asked why he thought that occurred, he said "because the money in the bond issue could not buy everything. Had they built it five years ago, construction costs would have been less."

Community activist Karen Carlson Olsen had a different view, saying the new middle school is "actually going to have more open space for kids to play, it's going to be a new facility, it's going to have science labs. How can we say that it won't be better than what we've got? I think it is just terrific."

The current 4.2-acre home of the middle school will be converted into a K-5 grade school once the new middle school is completed and students and staff are relocated. Board members said they are discussing what to do with the Vista and McGregor school sites.

The ceremonies came to a climax when members of the Board of Education and the superintendent donned hard hats, grabbed silver and gold colored shovels, and took a stab at digging into the dirt — soil that appeared at times to be as difficult to move as many of Albany's citizens had been on the middle school issue. Despite the reluctance of the earth to give way to public servants, workers are scheduled to begin construction immediately.

Vision

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There were fact sheets and city staffers and volunteers at every station. On a table in the center of the room were plates of apples, bananas, bagels and little sandwiches. Station topics included Transportation and Circulation, Public Services and Facilities, Economic Development, Land Use and Community Design and Environmental Context.

What could be described as "red dot democracy" was used to get citizen input. At each table participants were given a certain number of red dots and people subsequently placed the dots on wall posters to answer questions or rate city programs according to preference. For example, at the Public Services station, several city services were listed and people placed their dots to answer the question — "what public service do you value most?" (Things were close, but it looked like "recreation" and "recycling" had beat out police and fire.)

On the south wall was a poster asking what people would like to see along San Pablo Avenue. The "improved appearance from landscaping and design" column was filled with red dots. Many people also placed dots to show they "strongly disagree" with maintaining San Pablo Avenue "as it currently exists." Under Key Planning Issues, the "revitalization of retail shopping opportunities" had the

most votes, but "civic center area" was quite dotty as well.

Carolyn Verheyen, of the MIG group, and her crew facilitated several presentations/discussions throughout the morning and afternoon. About 40 people attended the "economic development and fiscal realities" presentation by Economic and Planning Systems' Walter Kieser. Kieser pointed out that it's not just a matter of people describing what they want for their city — it's also a matter of what is economically possible. Kieser said he plans to not only estimate costs of the future proposed General Plan, but also to try to estimate revenues that the plan's implementation would generate.

El Cerrito resident and Planning Commission member Kathleen McKinley wondered why El Cerrito hasn't been more successful in getting business offices to locate here. "What causes offices to locate in a certain city?" she asked Kieser. "What are they looking for?" Kieser said there are several factors, but the fact that there are no large blocks of land to build on in El Cerrito is the biggest disadvantage. Resident Barbara Chan spoke up to say she would like to see businesses in El Cerrito that are sustainable and characterized by "environmental and economic" health. She said the city should encourage pro-environment economic growth. Consultant Verheyen said that such thoughts

were what the General Plan is all about. "The image of El Cerrito is something you can shape now for the future," she said.

Some people liked the more relaxed, hometown, feel of El Cerrito.

After some in the group praised the economic vitality of Berkeley's Fourth Street retail and office area, Paul Gilbert-Snyder said he liked El Cerrito "because it isn't Berkeley." Gilbert-Snyder said El Cerrito is more relaxed and laid back than its neighbor. "I don't like to shop at Fourth Street," he explained — "parking is a hassle."

After the presentation, El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce President Bill Kerber said it was "a valuable discussion," but that economic vitality of El Cerrito was most important. "Frogs and trees and greenery are nice, but they don't pay taxes," he pointed out.

Throughout the summer and into the fall the city will be hosting a variety of events to engage the public and get more feedback about the General Plan. There are three more public workshops similar to the vision festival planned for the summer. A "do-it-yourself" workshop kit will also be mailed to residents to get comments from those unable to attend the formal meetings. The results of last week's festival (red dot analysis) will be presented to the city council in about three to four weeks.

Drainage

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through yards and private property." "One of the primary goals of the plan is to prevent the kind of flooding that has occurred in Albany during severe storms," Fields said. City planners hope to soon adopt a master plan similar to those already completed in Berkeley, El Cerrito and Richmond, especially since the watershed areas of the three cities overlap.

Another aspect of the watershed report addressed water pollution flowing into the San Francisco Bay. According to Mast, Albany must comply with the Alameda County Clear Water Program, which was developed in response to the federal Clean Water Act.

"For the last several years, we've been increasingly aware of the city's

responsibilities to maintain water quality and deal with runoff issues," Mast said.

According to Mast, members of the community can make "personal contributions" to cleaner water by "limiting or doing away entirely with fertilizers and pesticides on [their] lawns and gardens." He said citizens should also be aware "that everything that you sweep or throw into the street eventually goes into the creeks," including his "pet peeve" — cigarette butts tossed into gutters.

Mast also suggested that people be conscientious about moving their automobiles on street-sweeping days. "That's the primary way we remove brake-line dust and that kind of thing that gets washed off into creeks and the Bay," he said.

Creek restoration is yet another element in the watershed report, which states in part that "Those projects that combine the benefits of flood control improvement" with creek restoration and habitat enhancement "rank highest," on the city's priority list.

Some of the suggestions for creek restoration outlined by the report include: removing culverts and other obstructions to fish and animal migration; the use of creeksides in conjunction with pedestrian and bicycle paths; and the elimination of conditions that pollute rainwater as it flows into the city's creeks.

Monday's presentation was the preliminary report on watershed issues by city officials to the council. A final draft is expected to be presented to the council in the fall.

Farewell

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Immediate neighbors of the high school have been notified of the event and invited to help plan and attend. "We know that the neighbors of the high school are often directly impacted by events there, and we wanted to be sure they were informed and included," said AEF vice president, David Farrell, himself a neighbor of the high school.

"We are hoping for a great turnout," said AHS alum and planning committee member Jewel Okawachi. "It will be a wonderful opportunity for alums to renew old acquaintances, reminisce, and tour the building one last time."

Among the activities planned

for AHS Day, are a flea market and auction of memorabilia salvaged from the old building. Nostalgic bargain hunters will have a choice of everything from brass room numerals to 12-pane French doors, once the portals to well-remembered — if not cherished — classrooms. All proceeds will be used to support programs and other needs at Albany High School.

In addition, guided tours of the old building are tentatively planned, pending completion of asbestos abatement work. Alums should also have an opportunity to begin the demolition of the building by taking a swing at it with a sledge hammer. Any chunks dislodged may be used for paper weights or put to

other uses as the individual sees fit. "I imagine there are some alums who will relish having a chance to take a swing at the old relic," said the school district's facilities project coordinator, AHS grad Larry Hughes. An auction of selected memorabilia will begin at 2 p.m. Alums and citizens are invited to bring a picnic lunch to the event or enjoy food prepared for sale by the AHS Athletic Boosters and Music Boosters. A number of AHS alums and other luminaries from AHS's past will emcee, and an alumni band is being assembled to perform.

Persons interested in playing in the alumni band or helping to organize the flea market or other aspects of AHS Day can call 524-7797.

Bill Mann

Where's the Money?: You may have read this week that \$100 million was spent in California to finance this week's elections — and that was only for the top two offices and a couple of propositions. It was the most expensive primary in U.S. history.

I saw this disarming but hardly surprising story the day after I'd finally been cajoled into watching Warren Beatty's new film, "Bulworth." I don't care for smarmy Hollywood insider Beatty; the few of his movies I've seen I generally haven't liked. But last week at our meeting, a fellow Rotarian, Hal Kagan (a show-biz vet who had a recurring part as a judge on CBS's "Wolf" series), said, "Look, I don't like Beatty, either. But go see the movie." He said it about five times. So I went, already.

Quality-wise, "Bulworth" is a solid, fairly funny movie. I'd probably give it a 7 on a scale of 10.

But Beatty sounded one theme several times in his role as a U.S. Senator who "goes berserk" and shocks everyone by telling the truth about today's cash-clogged political system.

Briefly, it's that politicians today are always grubbing for money from fat cats and special interests for one principal reason: To pay for TV ads.

You can talk about the insurance and defense lobbies, the AMA and the NRA all you want. But broadcasters are probably the most powerful and influential lobby in Washington, with one possible exception: The AARP. The broadcasters almost ALWAYS get exactly what they want. That's because politicians are so beholden to — even afraid of — them. This wasn't always the case.

Mention the concept of the "public airwaves" to most broadcasters today, and they might literally laugh in your face. They should absolutely be required to give away political time to candidates on their stations, which are basically licenses to print money. But today's obsequious FCC will require this as a condition of getting a broadcast license when Jesse Helms endorses gay marriages.

And whatever these guys want, they almost always get. The digital spectrum? Hey, no problem — Congress forked that over to broadcasters for free two years ago, a giveaway of historic proportions and something cited by Beatty/Bulworth. It was the most outrageous example of corporate welfare imaginable. A spectrum auction could have netted the federal government anywhere from \$10-\$100 billion (that's with a "b") dollars, or even more. Even conservative Sen. Bob Dole warned that Congress would be foolish if it didn't auction off that valuable spectrum space, which the TV industry desperately needed to begin broadcasting digital/high definition TV. You didn't see much about the spectrum giveaway where most Americans get their news these days — on TV. And I think we know why.

There wouldn't BE such a desperate need for campaign finance reform if TV ads weren't so critical and so expensive. We might not be able to do much about the sorry fact that most voters today make their decisions based on TV ads and stories. But we CAN do something — at least, one hopes — about the cost of these ads.

Even the mention of such timid measures as requiring broadcasters to pay a license fee looses the broadcasters' pit-bull lobbyists. Nobody plays hardball better than the members of the ever-smaller broadcasters' club.

Meaningful campaign-finance reform will start only when broadcasters, as a condition of doing business, are required to give free time to candidates, as they are in other western countries. They don't want to do it? Fine, let someone else have the license who will.

These dangerous "socialistic" ideas are coming to you not from a Berkeley activist. I'm a registered Republican who's covered broadcasting for years. I'm appalled and disgusted at the increasing clout these TV and radio owners have accrued. Meanwhile, the public and Congress vent their anger at the wrong targets. Any meaningful change must start at the once-powerful FCC.

Speaking of which, when's the last time you heard of any broadcaster losing a radio or TV license? The National Association of Broadcasters now practically owns the federal board that's supposed to regulate them. The FCC today is a sad shadow of its former regulatory self; it's become an ever-shrinking, ever-weaker clerical agency.

Here's a good local example of how important campaign money is to powerful broadcasters:

About 10 years ago, a major San Francisco TV station, a network affiliate, put into its projected budget over \$1 million in expected revenues from the upcoming Presidential primary in California.

Trouble was, the two parties' Presidential nominations had been locked up long before California's late primary. That meant the expected TV ad money never materialized.

How did the network station respond to this budget shortfall? You guessed it — staff layoffs.

Sodon't just blame the politicians or their corporate financial backers for today's deplorable, influence-peddling political system. The broadcasters are just as guilty. They're the ones getting filthy rich today as our democratic system becomes impoverished.

And don't blame fat cats like Al Checchi for spending all that money to "buy" an election. He's not the real problem. Blame a rigged system that allows a handful of just-as-wealthy broadcasters to grab all of Checchi's checks.

Tape of the Tales: I've just watched all six hours of "Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City," which debuts on pay-cable's Showtime Sunday night at 9. The miniseries concludes Monday night.

People have been asking if it's as good as the high-rated, Peabody Award-winning original, which PBS aired in 1994. The answer: Not quite.

But it's good enough. Every member of its cast, it seems, has mocked PBS' motto, "If PBS won't do it, who will?" Their response: Showtime.

Maybe it's just as well that PBS reneged on a promise to do a "Tales" sequel. That's because pay-cable has even less censorship than PBS. And there's quite a bit of male nudity here, something that would have further infuriated Jesse Helms' soulmates, the pressure groups.

Olympia Dukakis is back as benign, dope-smoking landlady Mrs. Madrigal, and she is again first-rate. But Laura Linney, who plays ersatz ingenue Mary Ann, is superb in her expanded role this time. Paul Gross, who played 28 Barbary Lane's womanizer, Brian, in the original, left to play a Mountie in CBS' "Due South."

The part of Michael "Mouse" Tolliver, the gay male lead, has been taken over by Paul Hopkins, and red-headed stoner Mona is now played, also capably, by another newcomer, Nina Siemasko.

The main storyline is Mary Ann's romance with Burke (Colin Ferguson), an amnesiac she meets Sunday on a cruise to Mexico. But Mouse's rekindled love affair with handsome M.D. Jon (William Campbell) is a strong element. It's satisfying to see gay men not objectified, being shown simply as human beings with feelings and romantic yearnings. This is probably the most mature portrayal of a gay couple I've ever seen on television.

I also got a kick out of Dan Butler playing a gay character in a small role Sunday. Butler, of course, plays macho hetero jerk Bulldog on NBC's "Frasier." He's gay in real life.

The new story picks up in 1977, just six weeks after the first concluded. Even at six hours, "More Tales" is well worth your time.



Martin Snapp
Trash: I don't know what to do about homeless man who takes the recyclables from my home every Wednesday morning. At least, I think he's homeless. He pushes a shopping cart overloaded with papers, bottles and cans and he has an uncanny knack for getting just minutes before the truck from the Recycling Center. He must know their schedule. He's been at this for at least 10

years. He's ripping off the recycling bin twice over: the first time, when he takes the stuff; and the second time, when he sells it to them.

It's an ethical dilemma. On the one hand, who do I begrudge this guy his way of making a living? On the other hand, if there are too many homeless, no community recycling program could survive.

I usually compromise by playing a cat-and-mouse game. I never put my stuff out overnight; I wait until just before I leave for work. Unfortunately, I think he's staring to catch on to my schedule, too.

I have absolutely no sympathy for the homeless gangs who go around in pickup trucks, spotting one of those, take down the license plate and report it to your local recycling center. In Oakland, call 282-7283. In El Cerrito, call 435-4350. In Albany, call 613-0224. And in Berkeley, the number is 527-5555.

Of course, you can call the cops. (But keep in mind that nabbing garbage thieves isn't exactly high on their priority list, so be polite but persistent.)

The irony is that recycling and kindness to the homeless don't necessarily have to be mutually exclusive.

Recently, the recycling program in Berkeley decided to expand the list of items it'll pick up at curbside. Now, along with newspapers, they'll take any kind of paper — junk mail, colored paper, magazines, even envelopes with plastic windows, a liberal new policy is also in effect in Albany. El Cerrito still won't pick up paper products except newspapers and unglued cardboard, but they'll accept all the stuff at the drop-off center at 7501 Schmidt

order to get the word out to the public, the Berkeley recycling program got a grant from the Alameda County Recycling Board to print the message on 120,000 paper shopping bags. Unfortunately, the printer messed up, and the message was totally unreadable. "The printer tried to take the bags back and pulp them, says recycling coordinator Tom Lent, "but being committed to getting the best use out of everything, we couldn't bear to send them back to mill."

After the Berkeley Food Pantry, a wonderful organization that runs on a shoestring, using food and volunteer labor to distribute to needy people. Their biggest single expense? Bags!

Needless to say, the recycling folks gave the Food Pantry enough paper bags to last them at least two years, and there were still thousands of bags left over. Those went to the Alameda County Bank, the Depot for Creative Reuse, and to Berkeley, for recycling during the end-of-the-year student dorm cleanouts. How's that for a win-win?

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By Dewey: Since there's no Black & White Ball this year, the most sophisticated party of the year has to be "Swingin' In The Stacks" Saturday at the Berkeley Public Library.

The library is shutting down its main building in a couple of years for some badly needed renovations (thanks to a recent bond measure). In the interim, everything will have to be moved into temporary quarters. The library is bidding adieu to home by throwing Saturday night's party. We're talking about a soiree straight out of the Great Gatsby, with gourmet munchies (this time, after all) and the Montclair Women's Band serving up some of the tastiest tunes around, including classics by Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie.

You can boss a nova next to Beowulf. You can fox trot next to Chaucer. You can fox trot next to Beowulf. You can even hip hop next to Beowulf.

nostalgic touches like a candystriper "cigarettes" (candy type, of course) and a photographer taking individual or group portraits, and my favorite: a place where you can rent books by hand, just like the good old days before computers.

It couldn't be for a better cause, because the measure will only pay for renovations to the library. Everything else, like book shelves or computers, has to be paid for by fundraisers like you.

It's only a fraction of the Black & White Ball: 25 bucks. (Cheap!) Tuxes aren't required, but if you have one, wear it.

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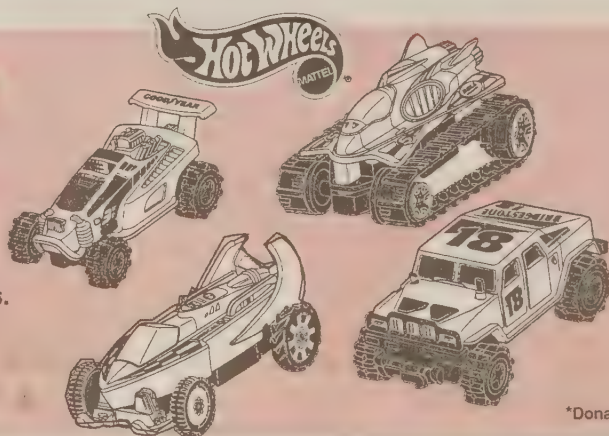
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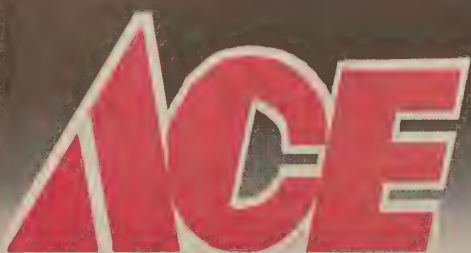
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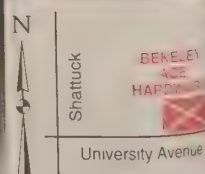
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Jeff Sepulveda

HAYWARD — Last Saturday was a banner day for St. Mary's jumpers. Panthers Jerriod Mack won the boys triple jump at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions at Chabot College with a personal best 50-feet, 1/2-inch, the first time he has surpassed 50 feet.

But SM triple jumper Desirea English would not be upstaged. English posted a personal best 40-1/4 on her first attempt, and she challenged the field to beat it on her remaining jumps in order to protect a slightly shaky knee.

The field wasn't up to the challenge, and English claimed the title of qualified for this week's state championships at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

After her glorious moment, English admitted that she hadn't expected to win.

"I surprised even myself," she admitted. "It was so great. I didn't know I'd jumped that far until I landed down in the pit and saw my mark. When they announced the distance, I just threw my arms in the air. I knew it was a really good jump, and I said, 'now it's up to someone else to catch up.'"

The win capped a month of steady improvement. She claimed theameda-Contra Costa Athletic League title in the triple jump with a jump of 34-1. Next was the NCSA Shore which brought a mark of 34-1/2. Coming into the MOC,



SM's Spring Harris: 'I had way too many misses ... I can't do that and hope to get to the state finals.'

English said she was just hoping to place in the top four in order to qualify for state.

"I came so close to qualifying last year," she said. "I really wanted to do it this time." Now that qualifying is out of the way, and with MOC title in hand, English has her eyes on the finals.

"I'll need to go at least 38 high (nearly 39 feet) to qualify for the finals," she said. "Those L.A. girls are no joke."

And what does English think of her chances? "I think they're great!" she said confidently.

Last Saturday's MOC also went quite well for SM's other jumpers. Panthers Spring Harris and Raanee Mahali also qualified for state in the high jump and long jump, respectively.

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Mack cracks 50-feet in triple jump

■ However, Panthers' jumper makes mistake, fails to qualify in long jump.

By Jeff Sepulveda

HAYWARD — After winning his second consecutive North Coast Section Meet of Champions title in the triple jump last Saturday at Chabot College in Hayward and establishing a personal best with a milestone breaking leap of 50-feet, 1/2-inch, one would have thought Jerriod Mack would feel satisfied or content. He wasn't.

When asked to comment on the magnitude of breaking the 50-foot barrier, he said "It's about time."

While Mack has been winning consistently this season, the magic number 50 had eluded him every time. Last week there were mitigating circumstances preceding the winning triple jump which may have caused considerable self-imposed pressure to push beyond 50 feet.

In Friday's qualifying in the long jump, consummate competitor Mack did something he never does, and something that will cost him dearly. He screwed up.

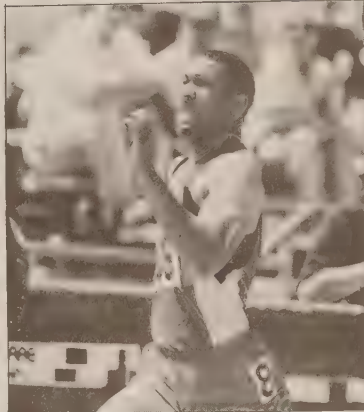
Mack, needing only to jump a pedestrian 21 feet, he inexplicably failed to qualify in the long jump, fouling on all three attempts. Gone were the hopes of a MOC championship, an almost certain trip to the state finals this week at Cerritos College in Norwalk, and a possible state title.

Afterward, Mack was tight-lipped on what had happened. After

Photos by Jeff Lindquist



Rosie Aikens, left, failed to make state; Devin Poche-West runs 100 in Saturday's MOC



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Mike Bigbee: 'I hit the mark I wanted to hit all year. I'd done it in practice, but practice doesn't mean anything.'

Jeff Lindquist

EC frosh Keith graduates; shot putter Bigbee goes to state, too

HAYWARD — Freshmen rank pretty low on the high school athletics food chain. They usually have their own special competitive arenas so they don't have to match up against older, stronger and more experienced athletes. But once in a great while, a freshman proves that age is just a number, and that experience is overrated.

Luckily for El Cerrito track fans, Gauchos sprinter Katrina Keith is a freshman that doesn't get caught up on how many advantages her opponents have.

"I'm not intimidated by the older runners," she said. "It's good to compete against them because they push me to do my best."

Keith's best was very, very good last Saturday at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions at Chabot College. Entered in three events, and needing to finish in the

top four to qualify for this week's state championships in Norwalk, Keith pulled off an amazing triple and qualified in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter relay.

Keith's thoughts on her accomplishments?

"That seems excellent to me!"

No doubt. Keith placed fourth in very strong fields in the 100 (12.20) and 200 (25.18), and she ran an awesome leg to lead EC's 400 relay to a fourth place finish (47.84), helping teammates Brandy Gates, Quamesha Mason, and Sholanda Reynolds gain a berth at the state meet in the process. EC boys coach James Crockett was pretty impressed with Keith's results. "Her performance was very impressive. For a ninth grader that was quite an accomplishment. She worked very hard, has a great attitude, and made the commitment to do her best."

EC girls coach Gail Pavlich was impressed by all of her girls efforts. "These girls have a great attitude and have worked very hard. They have done an excellent job. They have a lot of natural talent, but without hard work that won't get you anywhere."

Gauchos shot putter Mike Bigbee also had a banner day. Bigbee, who had never cleared 50 feet in competition threw a personal best 51-11/4 to place third and advance to state.

Bigbee bubbled with excitement. "I'm very happy with my performance. I hit the mark I wanted to hit all year. I'd done it in practice, but practice doesn't mean anything."

Bigbee also confessed to an unusual training regimen. "I stayed out until four in the morning last night because of Grad Night," he said after the meet. "And I PR'ed!"

'I stayed out until 4 in the morning because of Grad Night. And I PR'ed! Maybe I'll have to do that again next week!'

— MIKE BIGBEE, GAUCHO SHOT PUTTER

Maybe I'll have to do that again next week!"

As far as advancing to state, the Gauchos chances are iffy. But with Katrina Keith around for three more years, EC is likely to see many more trips to the state meet.

— Jeff Sepulveda

Despite usual slow start Jackets' Brooks goes to state track party

by Jelani Harper

HAYWARD — Lady Yellowjackets sprinter Simone Brooks is not known for her start of the blocks.

Berkeley track coach Maurice McIntine quantified that notion: Simone is very strong in the 110 meter hurdles," he said before the Al Valley North Coast Sectionals a few weeks ago. "If she works on her start a little more, she can go as far as state."

But, despite getting off to a slow start at last weekend's Meet of

Champions at Chabot College, Brooks not only qualified for next weekend's state meet at Cerritos College in Norwalk but she also shattered her personal mark of 15.16 seconds in the process, setting a new time of 15.02.

"I got off to a bad start," the sophomore admitted after the race. "But I still ran a good time. Now I just have to work on getting it to drop even more for next week's state meet. I didn't even know I had qualified until they told me at the finish line, so I feel really good that I made it."

That's because it was such a hard-fought battle between Brooks, Mission San Jose's Becca Fong, and El Cerrito's Brandy Gates for the fourth and final state spot, which Brooks eventually won by edging them out by less than two-tenths of a second.

Surprisingly, in the previous day's trials Brooks only ran a 15.74, in a day marred by the weather.

"The qualifying round was a lot harder than today because we had to run in the rain," she said. "Everybody ran slower, but I still had the

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Berkeley's Simone Brooks set PB time of 15.02 in 110 hurdles to qualify for state.

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Albany - Berkeley Girls Softball League



Michael Blake
Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League ended its season last weekend with a 2-1 victory over Berkeley. Four teams scored exactly one run in their final game, while one team scored "just" 21. But the end of the season was more of a celebration, such as stealing home in the bottom of the 5th, and in which the sure-handed defensive play became the rules at the end.

MICRO DIVISION
The split-squad games dramatically demonstrated how far the Micro division girls have come since those first cold days at Fielding Field. The season's lessons began with the number placement of the bases and in which order to run, and ended with the Albany Bears, Andronico's All Stars and the Teasers showing how their work has led to remarkably improved skills at bat and in the field.

With the tee is almost a thing of the past, Tiddlywink Kelly Friedman and Stars Mattison Peters and Hanna (on loan for the day to the Bears), and legitimate doubles off live pitcher Maggie Sefton-Kelley, who had her good day at the bat, showed why known as a slugger, Bear Naomie Royer started her team off with a hit with her first at bat. Team-

mate Mia Divecha wrote the book on running when she legged out a 2nd-inning single. All Stars Brenna Ritchie-Boland and Roxie Perkins proved that real dedication leads to outstanding performances. The fielders also shined in the Saturday morning sun. Tiddlywink Hayley Beckett made a great heads-up put out, while All Star Marlaine Henry made 2 terrific charging stops at short. Fielding has improved so much in the Micro that outs now happen in almost every inning. Commenting on the season, Emma Vance said, "Fielding is fun because you get to throw the ball. In batting you can get your hand hurt, but in fielding, you can't."

Taking the opposite view, teammate Elizabeth Tulsy stated, "I like being first batter because later you get to be last batter and you get to make a home run."

YOUNGER DIVISION
Brown, Black Lanier L'Eagles 22 Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers 22

A season's worth of coaches' teaching and players' effort could be seen in this hard-fought seesaw contest that ended in a tie.

The Smilemakers offense shined in the early going with Lucy Archer's strong leadoff single, Elizabeth Day's smash hit to left, and solid singles by Mariko Conner and Alice Reichman. But the L'Eagles Ari Usher and Kara Anderson stopped

them cold with an impressive double play. Christina Chan got the L'Eagles going with her own strong leadoff single and some heads-up base running, while Lisa Richardson contributed a line double to center and Frances Dyson produced a clutch RBI. The Smilemakers defense rose to the challenge with catcher Theresa Goodwin fielding a foul tip, shortstop Sarah Jelinsky snagging a hard liner, and Ali Underwood making an unassisted putout at 3rd.

The top of the 2nd featured stellar defense by the L'Eagles, as Nina Gordon-Kirsch and Lisa Richardson combined for a double play, which combined with Phoebe White's unassisted put out for the team's 1st-ever shutout inning. At the plate, Ari Usher and Christina Chan posed solid doubles for the L'Eagles and Rose Hermalin pushed across a clutch RBI. The Smilemakers defense stiffened, however, with Olivia Kragen in the pitcher's circle twice throwing to Sarah Jelinsky for outs and shortstop Leah Fischer fielding a pop fly. The inning ended with the L'Eagles holding a 7-6 lead.

Solid softball fundamentals showed throughout the remainder of the game as L'Eagles Nina Gordon-Kirsch knocked down a hard liner for a force-out, Leah Belzer-Adams posted an unassisted double play and combined with Kara Anderson for a force-out at 3rd, and Ari Usher teamed with Tamara Land for a 3-inning-ending put out at 2nd.

Smilemakers Camilla Padilla made an unassisted put out at 1st and caught a toss from Mariko Conner in the pitcher's circle for another, while Theresa Goodwin and Olivia Kragen made unassisted put outs at the corners, and shortstop Jenna Nation fielded a hard liner and threw the runner out at 1st. At the plate, Lisa Richardson drilled a bases-loaded triple for the L'Eagles.

Facing a 3-run deficit in the final inning, the Smilemakers, led by Sarah Woodard and Amaya Fernandez, peppered the L'Eagles with base hits and pulled to a 5-run lead. Led by Rachel Egan, the L'Eagles mounted a 5-run rally of their own. With the tie, both teams left the field cheering, proud of a great game and a great season.

Mason McDuffie Mighty Ducks 22 Stutz Olive Oil Wildcats 21

In a very evenly matched hard-hitting game, the Mason McDuffie Mighty Ducks squeaked past the Stutz Olive Oil Wildcats. The girls hit well, played great defense, and kept everyone on the edge of their seats throughout.

The excitement began in the top of the 1st, when Santelita Rose's powerful base hit drove Kiana Ervin to 2nd, and Ervin was then driven home on a Olivia Stutz's base hit. However, the Mighty Ducks' defense then made 3 quick outs: a throw from Alyse Muller to Emma Fane at 3rd; Emily Hecht's throw to Judith Joy at 1st, and finally Joy's unassisted put out at 1st. In the bottom of the inning, the Ducks strung together 8 base hits, capped by Seren Moran's double pounded into left field. Wildcat Hannah Lyman finally ended it with her catch of a high difficult infield pop.

In the 2nd, Rachel Kahan singled, as did Ervin and Meghan Delaney. Rose drove

a double into left field, scoring 2, and Stutz walloped another. But the Ducks answered with powerful hitting of their own, including base hits by Isa Blanco, Gina Wanano, Laura and Joan Cannon. Muller contributed another hit and record-breaking running to beat a play at 1st. In the bottom of the 3rd, the Ducks bats started humming, with powerful base hits by Ania Betts and Joy, a whumping double by Moran, a sailing fly by Wanano, and more base hits. The Wildcats defense, however, was up to the task. Rose held up a runner at 2nd, and Kahan and Delaney each aggressively stopped powerful drives.

The last inning proved the most exciting of all. For the Wildcats, Ariel Feingold-Shaw beat the ball to 1st and Kahan continued a streak by hitting Eileen Cullen home. But the Ducks held tough to make 3 outs again, this time on throws to Fane by Kalkanis-Ellis and 2 unassisted outs by Fane at 1st. The Wildcats' Molly Antolycio started off the bottom of the 4th with an unassisted out at 1st. But a double by Hecht and singles by, among others, Sophie Lewis, Betts, and Laura Cannon made the final difference. When the dust cleared, the Ducks had pulled ahead by 1.

MIDDLE DIVISION
Prins Goodpractice Cyclones 5 Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 2

Under a blue sky and billowy clouds, this furious, 5-inning defensive battle ended with the Cyclones victorious with a major-league score of 5-2.

In the 1st inning for the Mighty Molars, Ania Upstill was a standout at 2nd, swallowing a pop fly and covering the base for another out. The Molars continued to demonstrate their new skills in fielding in the 2nd with Casey Osborn's fine catch

of a fly ball. Becca Williams anchored the defense in the 3rd with 2 strikeouts, and catching a fly to retire the side. The Cyclones were held scoreless thanks in great part to Alix Woodard, who stopped a strong hit to right field and threw to Olivia Camenga at 2nd to hold the runner to a single.

Frances Farrimond had a standout game, running down an opposing base runner at 2nd in the bottom of the 4th, then making a single-handed double play at 1st base in the bottom of the 5th, catching a hard fly ball, then tagging the base to end an exciting, tense game — as well as the spring season.

OLDER DIVISION
Salon Salon Slidin Slammers 22 Jesse Young Angels 7

With the lifting of wet weather, the Salon Salon Slidin Slammers squared off against the Jesse Young Angels on Saturday at MLK Middle School field. Salon Salon was quick out of the box in the 1st. A long double hit by Elizabeth Murphy drove in 2 runs. Caitlin Goetz also doubled as the Slammers brought in 4 runs. For the Angels, Erica Dickenson made a nifty catch at 2nd. The Slammers continued their offensive barrage in the 2nd, working Angel pitching for several walks and with good base running bringing in 6 more runs. In the 3rd, the Angels' Anna Leff-Kich made a nice stab of a hard hit groundout for a put out at 1st. For the Slammers, Casey Horvitz started another 6-run rally with a solid hit. Julia Granholm, Emma Kemp and Brianna Myers all contributed RBI with 1- and 2-base hits provided by Rosie Moorhead and Murphy. Good Slammer defense was turned in by Julia Linton and Makenda Burroughs-Miller.

The Angels unleashed their true power in the bottom of the 4th, when they scored 5 runs. Amy Havens, Rachel Heavner and Julia Liepman all came through with hits. Moriah Grey provided aggressive base running. Rachel Castro chimed in with a solid performance behind the plate and Ila Kemplin showed good defense at short.

Red Oak Realty Rebels 13 Autumn Press Amazons 12

Rebelling against the oft-favored walk-and-steal game, the Red Oak girls used their bats to make their noise. In the 1st, Jen Leuie singled in 2 runs, on top of RBI already slugged by teammates Julie Jones and Lydia Raya. The Amazons responded with Richelle Porter's leadoff double, hits by Ilana Baar and Claire Wilkens and Danielle Moore's golf shot to left on a pitch at her shoetops. Moore then took the mound in the 2nd and allowed only 1 run when Olivia Rivera singled and stole her way home. In the bottom of the 2nd, Claire Spafford's 2-RBI single with the bases loaded kept her teammates in the game.

The sly Amazons, fond of surprise moves such as stealing home, were caught unaware by the Rebels battery of Victoria Rohrer and Amanda Wallace. In the 3rd, a deft Wallace caught everyone who came near her plate, recording all 3 put outs at home, while Rohrer recorded a shutout inning. In all, 4 Amazons were caught trying to steal home. Meanwhile, the Rebels put on a hitting clinic with 6 runs in their half of the 3rd, including Sydney McIver's RBI walk scoring Rohrer, who had snuck to 1st on a dropped 3rd strike. In the 4th, Christine Kemp contributed an RBI for the Rebels, while Sarah Lucas had 1 for the Amazons, but by the 5th, both teams had watertight defense, and no runs were scored, preserving the Rebels' victory.

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Panthers in other events were not so fortunate. Rosie Aikens failed to qualify for state in the discus after finishing second and qualifying as a sophomore last year.

Aikens, who threw a PB 132 feet to take second at the Bay Shore, could only manage a mark of 108-11 the qualifying round and missed making Saturday's final by 11 inches. Aikens placed seventh in the shot put.

Despite setting a school record in the 1,600 relay, anchor Jackie Bryant fell 2.5 seconds short of qualifying for state as SM placed fifth, clocking in at 3:58.

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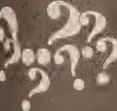
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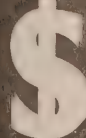
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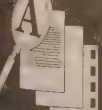
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HOUSECLEANERS needed for East Bay Area. Full-time and Part-time positions. Own transportation. 533-0912

Inside Sales \$6-\$17 Hourly Guaranteed!
 Minimum 1 year sales experience required, part-time, 5-9pm, Monday- Friday. Set-up dialing system. Event tickets. Oakland office. 510-568-8333. Art.

JEWELRY Wholesale business
 needs full time person to assist with pulling orders, matching and carding jewelry. Sandy or Dayna. 510-534-7104

LANDSCAPE Irrigation
 expert needed for residential landscape company in Berkeley. Full-time. Installation, troubleshooting, repairs, etc. Proven work history and excellent communication skills required. Excellent pay and benefits. Fax resume to 510-644-1568

LANDSCAPE Maintenance
 Part-time, experience with power tools, plant knowledge, hardworker, on-time, flexible 426-9158

LEGAL SECRETARY
 with 2-3 years litigation experience sought by Friendly Lake Merritt Firm. Must be flexible, independent, detail oriented with excellent typing and dictation skills. Duties include correspondence, pleadings, discovery, maintaining a heavy calendar, and document organization. Good salary and benefits. Fax resume to Clair Hutchins 510-834-0287

LEGAL SECRETARY
 Busy solo PI practice, downtown Oakland, needs experienced litigation secretary. Callen-Include correspondence, MSWord, WordPerfect 7.0 required. Pleasant, professional environment, great boss, salary, benefits. Please fax resume to: 510-444-5859, attention: Linda.

LOAN Processor/ Administrative Assistant
 Highly motivated, good math and communication skills needed for mortgage brokerage office in North Berkeley. Fax resume/ cover letter to 510-528-1196

LVN Licensed Energetic
 strong LVN for adorable 4 year old boy with CP. Full-time North Berkeley. Fax resume to: 510-824-2451

MAINTENANCE experienced people needed for Property Management Company. Full-time hours. Fax resume to: 510-652-3351

Management Trainee
 Individual with high energy, motivated, customer service oriented, excellent communication skills. Sales of services and products to meet customer needs. Salary commensurate with experience. Apply at Mail Boxes Etc., 190 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito 510-528-9444

403 Help Wanted

MANAGEMENT/ SALES
 Home Accessories store at 4th Street/ Berkeley. Management and sales positions. Must have customer service or management experience. Send fax to 650-327-6043

Management Positions Available
 Seeking motivated individuals to manage our sales and marketing department. Experience is a plus, but not necessary. Must be energetic and open minded. Bonuses and incentive plans provided. Call Tom today for an interview. 510-704-5259

MECHANIC Training
 Small 24 Cycle Engines To \$12 Hour. Last Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 803-9612

MEDICAL Office Assistant
 needed full-time for North Oakland Medical Practice. Phlebotomy and technical experience helpful. Clerical experience and good phone manner required. Please send resume/ cover letter to: 5707 Redwood Rd, Box N, Oakland, CA 94619

OFFICE Administrator
 full-time. Financial services firm seeks responsible individual with excellent communication skills for one person office. Must enjoy working with customers and be self-motivated, well-organized and accurate. Fax resume to 1-888-354-2396 EOE.

OFFICE Assistant, 30 hours/week
 Staff envelopes, phones. No experience required. \$8.50/hour. References 444-6565

OFFICE Assistant, (in Piedmont area home)
 10-15 hours/ month. \$10-12/hour. Must know QX2 America On Line. Call Art: 654-5626

OFFICE ASSISTANT
 Part-time with bookkeeping experience. Duties: heavy phones, A/R, A/P, light typing. Friendly, casual professional Berkeley office. 510-652-1252

OFFICE Clerk/ Typist/ Scheduler
 Part-time temporary position with licensed contractor. Answer phones, schedule appointments, 60 wpm, PC experience. MSWord, \$8-10/hour. Fax resume to: Honey Do Repair 531-9590

OFFICE/ Document maintenance
 assistant for small, busy Alameda office. Must be responsible, dependable, excellent WP and organization skills. Typing, phones, mailings, plus regular travel part-time Bay Area locations to maintain document collections. Fax resume. 510-749-8276

OFFICE Help for Orthodontic office
 Sterilization, cleanup and restocking. Monday-Thursday, 9-530. \$5.75/hour. Call Gina 510-482-0600

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15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 560-7540 for details.

SOFIA w/ three pillows, well maintained, blue striped, \$175 each; 2 chairs, one red, \$75 each; 3 tables, 1 coffee, 1 end table, 3 tiered, 1 glassed, \$35 each; Gae Range \$100, like new dishwasher \$50, microwave \$75, Lynda for more info only 510-834-6175.

TWO chairs, Scandinavian design, Delta style with Beech Wood frame, white canvas upholstery, excellent condition \$160 for both. 482-1763

WHITE Belmont twin bed with Trundle, excellent condition. Call 601-8078

HANDCRAFTED sideboard, Cherry Teak stain, Italian finish on top. Computer desk, white oak finish. Large metal brocade 444-1568

3 DRAWER dresser with mirror \$65; Oak dresser with cart with cutting board, drawer and cabinet, \$70. Computer desk, \$15. (510)864-8982.

BERKELEY Estate Sofas. Oriental rugs, tables, lamps, bed room furniture, stereo equipment. Excellent condition. By appointment 415-255-4772

NEW queen sofa sleeper \$450; solid oak dining set (round table/leaf) 4 chairs, excellent condition \$550. 530-5070.

RATTAN Sofa frame, no cushions, worn. Finished. \$200. 510-654-2442.

EIGHT foot beige sofa with four loose pillow back with rolled arms, great condition. Drapes, beige woven, perfect condition 447-3366

ANTIQUE Queen Anne chairs, dining table, small desk, nesting table, stereo 548-2006

LOVE SEAT- New leather! Blue highback, 5 year warranty \$800 510-530-7343

SMALL English oak Armchair with mirror, \$275 negotiable. Call 865-1431.

SOFA 6 ft. 30" Small 3 seater dresser, \$50. Large dresser with lighted mirror, \$50, negotiable. 865-1431.

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Ads Bring Buyers!

606 Musical Instruments

BALDWIN Upright in excellent condition. Cost \$700. For further details call Vienna at 653-8871

PIANO Upright, nice tone! \$650. Other items: Steel case office desk, order box, matching chairs, \$275. Also, miscellaneous household items. 510-465-0244

PIANO (Chickering), with bench, good condition, like new! Mahogany \$1200 or best offer. 510-682-3096.

607 Pets/Services

HOP A LONG anime. Rescue seeks tax deductible donations, serviceable crates, cages, leashes, collars, food, litter. 510-655-7856.

KIRBY and adorable 1 year old boxer mix with gorgeous brindle coat and striking facial markings. Very friendly, great with children and other dogs. Alert, bright and has all puppy shots. \$75. Call Shawn 540-0468

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714 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito: Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821.

\$650 SPACIOUS studio in Albany. Centrally located. First/last and security. Close to transportation. 237-4807

\$1400 and \$1700 TWO units, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, all appliances and condo amenities. Most utilities included. Albany schools. Like new Barbara. 510-848-8216

\$2000 KENSINGTON 2 bedroom in top level, 2 story home. Panoramic view. 3 bridges, fireplace, deck facing Golden Gate Bridge. June 5th Leave message. 415-924-1893

RETIRED, visiting Grandparents from the east coast need to rent or sublet for month of July or August. Responsible, non-smokers. Call Carol or John 510-547-4955 evenings and weekends.

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CLEARLAKE - OVER 30 Furnished Lakefront Homes! Boat Docks, pool, weekend or weekly. 707-283-7188. www.clearlakevacations.com

KONA Coast - 1 Bedroom Garden Condo available 7/28 through 8/25. \$450/week extra week discounts. 510-547-2321.

MENDOCINO
Lovely ocean front home. Three bedrooms, 2 bath, fireplace, hot tub. Tranquil and enchanting. Ask for the house on "Oster Cove". 510-272-0392, evenings. Special rates available.

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Quality Homes & Condos. Incline Village/Crystal Bay, Nevada
800-948-7311
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RUSSIAN River beachfront home, great views, private beach, fireplace, deck, sun porch, near ocean. 510-524-3184.

TAHOE Donner 4 bedroom, 3 bath plus loft, cedar home. Nicely furnished. Great views. Pool, tennis, beach, golf. \$150/ night \$850/ week. 510-601-6332.

APARTMENTS

709 Alameda

711 1 Bedroom
\$625 UPPER Unit in 4-plex. No pets, garage, pet \$800 deposit. 1537 Schiller. 865-8399 evenings.

712 2 Bedrooms

\$850. TWO bedrooms, 1 bath, Encinal/Benton, upstairs apartment, no pets. Agent 510-523-1115

\$1650-\$1475
★MANSON ON LAOAG★
Beautiful Victorian, spacious, sunny, high ceilings, hardwoods, balcony, view, quiet, near grounds, trees, lawns, gardens on water, parking. Excellent location! Must see! 510-789-9229.

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\$1599 GORGEOUS, huge upper duplex. Hardwoods, washer/dryer, fireplace, view, yard, garage, near BART No pets. 3328 King Street. 658-3472.

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721 El Cerrito & North

\$700 RICHMOND Annex, 2-bedroom New carpet/paint, remodeled kitchen/bath. Available now. No pets. 235-8889.

\$715 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom, carpets, appliances, clean nice condition. Ideal area. Non-smoking. Agent 510-526-9661.

\$720 RICHMOND, 2 bedroom, large kitchen, view, storage, laundry, yard, parking. Near shops/transportation. 424-3089.

\$80 PINOLE, 2 bedroom 2 bath townhouse. Laundry, carport, storage. 758-3455

\$850 INCLUDING utilities, Richmond Hills 2 bedrooms, Canyon View, Available June 1st. Quiet, woody. 510-235-9023.

724 Oakland & Piedmont

\$750 ROCKRIDGE in-law, separate entrance, utilities, hardwood floors, gas cooking, car laundry. Cat okay. CHARM!!! 834-9745

\$755 Squeaky clean Way off street, quiet, secure Lake Classic on Lenox near grand, hardwood floor, immaculate closet, laundry, car laundry. Near Lakeshore 746-8494

\$800 CLEAN, quiet Victorian, 1 block to BART. Secure. 485 40th Street. Call 835-5004.

\$485 STUDIO downtown near Lake. Secure building, parking available. Just remodeled. 1520 Jackson. 510-452-3883

\$495 INCLUDING all utilities, large, 1099 MacArthur Blvd. (at Alameda) near hardwood floors, excellent bus connections. Non-smoking. No pets. Call 531-8172

CHINA HILL

Very large studio with separate dining area in Grand 1920's building. Quiet, Bright, top floor 9-foot ceiling. Bay windows, closets! Garden. 510-465-8774.

\$595 INCLUDES Utilities, Large Sunny Studio, China dry, no pets. 15 min. walk-in closet, hardwood. 510-838-7281

\$595 In Glenview, clean and sunny. Includes water, garbage, heat. Close to bus and freeway. 530-3148.

\$595 STUDIO, older well-maintained building. Near Piedmont Ave. Hardwoods, cable, intercom, laundry. 601-5501

\$695 STUDIO, sunny, separate kitchen, private garden. No pets, easy bus/BART 41st/Shattler 510-261-8864

\$625 ★PIEDMONT BORDER★ Near Piedmont Ave. Sunlight, top floor, balcony, garage, parking included. 695-6757.

\$650 LARGE studio, sunny, great closets and cupboards. AEK, parking available. Secure Building. 510-428-4913.

\$675 Nonwood Ave., everything included. Cable TV, garage. Optional. 841-1414

\$735 ROCKRIDGE Hardwoods, view, laundry, 3 closets, deck, 63rd/College. 8226-14-B. Homefinders 459-6450

726 1 Bedroom

\$600
\$700 MOVE-IN
Great sunny unit. New paint, wall-to-wall, AEK, part utilities. Quiet, clean, secure building. 2440 8th Ave. 268-4900

\$625 CHARMING sunny 1 bedroom in 1910 building 1 block from Lake Walk to Library, Courthouse, downtown. Gas cooking, controlled access, coin laundry. 1438 Madison Street. 763-8800.

\$640 AND UP 1 and 2 bedrooms, Adams Point. Small quiet building; parking, laundry, new paint, carpets, drapes, appliances. 1-800-726-9805.

\$660 \$780 ONE, 2 bedroom, Best area, laundry, pool, daily. 510-652-2148. Owner 650-573-5950, Pager 650-719-6114.

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\$675 301 JAYNE, Near Lake Merritt, 1 bedroom 1 bath, modern building, patio, car laundry, parking. Harbor Bay RE 523-1166

726 1 Bedroom

\$880 SUNNY 1 bedroom. Balcony, parking, laundry room. 1212 182nd to Lake Merritt. 835-4311

\$885 ONE bedroom near Piedmont (Oakland Ave.) Monte Vista. Carpet, garden. No pets. 854-1550.

\$710 EXCELLENT Piedmont Border location. Spacious, sunny, large balcony, parking. Close to all transportation. 428-1242.

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Large 1 bedroom with dining area and large living room. Quiet location, well-maintained property. Convenient to transportation and shopping. View, parking additional. 923-1188.

\$720'S GRANDEUR
One bedroom, directly across from Lakeshore. Hardwood floors, gas cooking, car laundry. Cat okay. CHARM!!! 834-9745

\$750 OLDER well-maintained secure building. 24 units. Hardwood floors. 123 Bay. 458-8464.

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A look at prepaays

We have received many questions regarding prepayment penalties lately, everything from when do lenders require them to avoid them and is there anything that can be done about them?

Now limitations

The first thing to remember is that California state law limits a lender's prepayment penalty policy to five years. By law, even if you have agreed to the maximum prepayment penalty, (and you must agree in writing when you sign your loan papers), you are allowed to prepay the balance of your loan up to 20 percent per year without any penalty.

Fixed-rate conforming loans — up to \$227,150 for single family homes, higher limits for two to four units — for borrowers with perfect or nearly perfect credit

rarely have a prepayment penalty. Those that do usually offer a real break in rate and fees.

Fixed-rate jumbo loans — greater than \$227,150 for the same type of borrower — fall into the same category. Most often, prepayment penalties are tied to

loan products that are adjustable and/or sub-prime (also called B to D paper loan products for borrowers with less than perfect credit).
Maximize profit

Prepayment penalties were designed, as I understand it, so that the lenders can maximize profits. When a loan is churned (refinanced over and over again in a short period of time, especially no cost loans), the lenders and the mortgage industry suffer losses in anticipated revenues, especially when loans are sold on the secondary mortgage market.

Prepayment penalties limit a lender's risk that the loan will be refinanced before they can realize their anticipated gain.

Most prepayment penalties state that if the borrower pays off

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Real estate resource

Session Real Estate is sponsoring the new television show "In Session." The program aims to assist people who want to acquaint themselves with the resources available to help them competently sell and purchase property in the Bay Area.

The program features a variety of news, information and resource segments with a live, interactive format that allows viewers to call

in with their real estate questions and concerns.

With more than \$2.5 million in funds slated for Oakland homebuyers down payment assistance programs due to be available shortly, Kenneth Session, president of the Oakland-based Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB), has shifted his organization's education outreach into

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The fine art of sharing



Photo by Karen Ward

Realtors Mary Canavan, left, and Toba Schwartz, center, display their crafts to local jeweler Anat Meyers at the Arts and Crafts Fair held recently at the Berkeley Association of Realtors.

The fair was held as a benefit for local groups that help the homeless; the artisans donated 30 percent of their income. Realtor David Kafton, chair of the Homeless Fund Committee said, "It's great to see such wonderful sup-

port from the artisans, real estate professionals and the community in our efforts to help the homeless in transition. It is my hope that more support for the homeless will be forthcoming."

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- 1814 BLAKE.....BERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$104,000.....**JOAN BARNETT**
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Get a grip on yield curve

With the recent decline in long-term interest rates, you may have seen or heard more in the financial press about the yield curve. Although the topic may not make great cocktail party conversation, you should understand why changes in the yield curve are important to your investments.

The yield curve compares the returns on similarly rated bonds with different maturities. Investment and economic analysts use it to help find value in the bond market and forecast economic trends. The yield curve is simply a chart with yields running along the graph's vertical

axis and maturities running along its horizontal axis. Analysts plot the yields — or interest rates — of bonds with different maturities. The yield curve most often used for analyzing U.S. economic trends plots government bonds with maturities ranging from three months to 30 years.

Normally, the yield curve slopes upward because short-term treasuries usually pay lower rates than long-term government bonds. Investors in 10-, 15- or 30-year bonds want a higher return in exchange for the risk that inflation may erode their fixed returns over a longer

period of time. This higher return is known as the inflation risk premium.

Right now, the yield curve is newsworthy because the curve is flattening. When investors don't expect much inflation, the inflation risk premium for longer maturity bonds decreases, lowering the bonds' yields, and sinking what is called the long end of the yield curve. In the extreme, the yield curve actually slopes downward, or inverts. This rare occurrence usually means that although the market thinks inflation is minimal, short-term rates are being held tight by federal monetary policy.

However, today's yield curve is not inverted at the long end, and its flattened upward curve generally means good news for bond and stock investors. For bond investors, a flattening yield curve typically signals that investors believe inflation is under control and won't dash real returns. For stock investors, the flattened, upward curve usually predicts a period of continued steady economic growth. Historically, the yield curve has been a helpful forecasting tool, so it's worth paying attention to.

So, if today's long-term rates are coming down, why haven't short-term rates fallen too? You may know that short-term rates are directly influenced by the Federal Reserve monetary policy. The Fed takes action that raises short-term rates (the

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rate on investments with maturities of one year or less) to help cool off an overheated economy, which in turn tightens the money supply. Fewer borrowers seek loans when rates are higher. On the other hand, the Fed can take steps to lower short-term rates in an attempt to increase economic growth and ease the supply of money and credit.

With the economy in an extended growth period and the recent turmoil in Asia, the Fed's job is getting more difficult, although the current yield curve suggests the Fed is on track.

While you shouldn't make investment decisions based solely on trends of the yield curve, it may provide useful information when reviewing your holdings and finding value in the bond market and direction on the stock market.

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his loan before the term expires (usually between one to five years), he would owe the lender six months interest on the unpaid balance. That could add up to a considerable amount.

For example

Consider that your loan balance is \$200,000 at an interest rate of 8.25 percent. You either need to sell your home (a great job has just been offered to you out of state) or you would really like to trade in your current loan for a lower rate and cash out some of your equity. Your prepayment penalty would work out to \$1,375 per month times six or \$8,250.

How would you deal with that prospect? It depends on your situation. In this market, you might be able to get the buyer to pay the penalty as a term of sale. Many lenders may offer to waive the prepayment penalty if the new borrower can qualify to assume the note (if it has that provision) or if they qualify for a new loan with that same lender.

The refinance

For the refinance candidate, it would be a matter of how important the borrowers' needs are and why they are refinancing. We ask the

question, does it really make sense to do this?

When refinancing we clients how long they want to stay in their home? Is the benefit of the lower interest and/or margin make sense in the situation? Is there any other

Buying out

A prepayment penalty is likened to the points (one equals one percent of the amount) they may pay. A buyer can "buy" out the prepayment by paying a higher rate (if an adjustable loan) and for the loan. The buyout can be for the term of the penalty by a year or to none at all. The as prepaid interest that reduces lenders risk.

What's good about a prepayment? It can provide a loan that they might not otherwise qualify for. It can give the buyer a better interest rate and they pay for it. It is one of the options a borrower should consider when selecting a loan product. In the crazy world of real estate madness, prepayment penalties must be considered.

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Resource

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high gear. "It's been our dream to do something like this for a long time," said Session at a recent mentoring class at Oakland's Castlemont High School.

"Now more people will get the opportunity to know exactly what's out there for them to use and exactly what they need to do to use it correctly."

The call for homeowner education programs has been strenuous and loud from Session who has recently been nominated by the "Partners in Progress" for a leadership award.

Rebba Middleton, former president of the San Francisco Board of Realtors — ARPB's San Francisco counterpart — agrees.

"We concur with the Mortgage Credit Partnership's real estate and lending task force recommendations regarding the need to create an organized homeownership education and counseling service," Middleton said.

"The problem with the way that the educational system works now," said Session, "is that home buyers learn about real estate when the

deal is about to close. How do they find out about the resources available to them early on? Where do they go? Who do they turn to?"

Session points out that there aren't any educational programs that address how home sellers should reasonably price, prepare and market their homes. "We know that the first few steps have been taken in this direction," he said. "Now we have the broad platform to expand the scope of those initial efforts and get the job done that we've all wanted to do in a major way."

Oakland's Vice Mayor Ignacio De La Fuente joined forces with ARPB to initiate the restructuring of the city's Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) so that it is more streamlined and user friendly. Funds for this program are slated for release July 1.

"There are a lot of programs and financial-assistance options that folks should know about," said Session. "These include \$500 down-payment programs, silent-second-mortgage financing, 2 percent down-payment programs and grants — all of which we'll go into in detail on the show."

"In Session" airs on the Soul Beat Network, TCI Cable 37, in Oakland Saturdays at 10 a.m.

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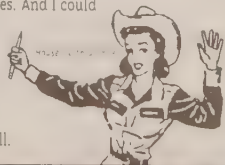


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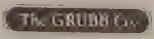


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EVENTS

The Events Calendar does not list for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in the classified section by calling 339-0400. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) invites you to a Loan Seminar presented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Sun West Mortgage Company. The seminar will cover the new program the Sun West put together for HUD for financing small multifamily dwellings. HUD introduced this program

earlier this year as a tool to help revitalize our communities. The seminar will be held 9 a.m., Thurs., June 4 at the Rodon Restaurant, 15 Embarcadero West in Oakland. For reservations call Jon Carlos at Northwestern Title Company, 834-7665.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., June 6, the center presents plasterer Art Guerrero's **Interior Plastering: Hands-On** and contractor-medita-

tor Ron Kelly's **How to Get Your Permit Approved**. On Sun., June 7, the center presents **Portable Tools for Beginners** with architect Joyce Roy and **Cabinet Refacing** with shop teacher-woodworker Dick Taylor. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information about its schedule of classes.

The Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) invites you to **Revisit Adams Point** from noon to 5 p.m., Sun. June 7. Explore some of the richest residential architectural treasures in the West. Stops on the tour include Earl Warren's Beaux Arts

home, the Art Deco interiors of The Park View, a 1929 Beaux Arts apartment building and the Colonial Revival Dahlke-Aiken house. An ongoing reception will be held on the grounds of the Warren house. Tickets will be available the day of the tour at The Park View, 315 Park View Terrace. Admission is \$20 for OHA members; \$25 for nonmembers.

East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) invite you to the Affordable Housing Week Kickoff Event, 1 to 3 p.m., Sun., June 7 at Las Bougainvilles, 1223 37th Ave. in Oakland. Music, food and awards for the community's affordable housing supporters who include

State Assemblymember Dion Aroner and Congresswoman Barbara Lee. Join EBHO 11 a.m., Tues., June 9 at the Hamilton Apartments Dedication Celebration, 2110 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland. Call 893-5611 for more information.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization in Oakland has a series of free workshops. Registration is mandatory. **I Hate to Budget** will be presented from 6 to 8 p.m., Tues., June 9. Get fast-track answers to budgeting, learn the importance of budgeting, even though you'd rather not. Then on June 17 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come for **Credit CPR**. Learn the basics or

establishing (or reestablishing) and then maintaining positive credit. Credit reporting and the wise use of credit are thoroughly discussed. For more information about these and other workshops, call (800) 501-SAVE.

Pro Arts East Bay hosts its **Open Studios** Sat. and Sun., June 6 and 7 and again Sat. and Sun. June 13 and 14. Come to the Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St., #214 in Berkeley to enjoy the work of the 15 participating artists. Works include clothing, jewelry, carved wooden figures, hats, original design clothing and works on paper. To learn more call 845-2612.

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Centrally located split-level home. 3/2.5 + office w/closet. Dining area w/access to patio. Close to schools. A. GRUBB</p> <p>NEW PRICE \$699,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$585,000</p> <p>\$519,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$495,000</p> |
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| <p>30 BEECHWOOD DRIVE
Located in popular Claremont Pines, this elegant home is beautifully appointed & decorated. 4/3.5 w/spacious & light-filled rooms. Fabulous level property. ELIZABETH DICKSON</p> <p>4058 FAIRLANE AVENUE
Delightful new construction. 4/3 w/great kitchen & family room. Ideal floor plan. Hrdwd floors. 10,000 sq. ft. lot. ED KUO</p> <p>2034 ASILFLOAR DRIVE
Artistic Contemporary in a park-like setting w/level, gated entry. 3/2 w/state-of-the-art kitchen, formal dining & family room. J. RANKANKAN</p> <p>701 ROSEMOUNT ROAD
Stately Crocker Traditional in move-in condition & featuring formal dining, rumpus & eat-in kit. 4/3+. S. GALLAGHER</p> <p>1048 HUBERT ROAD
Classic Crocker home w/large great room, spacious dining area, remodeled kitchen, family room & office. 4/4. J. GARCIA</p> <p>3346 BALBOA ROAD
Montclair traditional, circa 1936, w/Bay views. Formal dining, rumpus & plus room. 3 bdms/2.5 baths. HELEN BUTY</p> <p>460 MODOC AVENUE
Upper Rockridge French Mediterranean on large, level site. Huge family room, 11' ceiling in living room, sep dining room. 3/2. Top cond. CONNIE ROGERS</p> | <p>NEW LISTING \$625,000</p> <p>\$610,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$529,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$499,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$489,500</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$489,000</p> | <p>6611 LIGGETT
Stylish & spacious. Remodeled kitchen w/family room. 4/3 w/remodeled master bath. Near Montclair Village. JUDY CAIN</p> <p>5981 RINCON DRIVE
This contemporary Montclair retreat sits just about the Village. 4/3 w/gourmet kitchen, "Great room" w/city views & large family room. DEBBI DI MAGGIO</p> <p>2112 MANZANITA DRIVE
Upper Montclair. Sea Ranch Style. Park-like setting. Wide central skylit stairwell. Kitchen/family room. 4/2. D. DRYDEN</p> <p>5901 ASCOT DRIVE
A meticulously maintained Piedmont Pines home w/views from most rooms. 3/2 including a private master suite. Hardwood floors & an abundance of natural light. KURT BUCHHOLZ</p> <p>13606 CAMPUS DRIVE
Contemporary Ridgeway home w/expansive canyon views. Cozy family room, spacious kitchen w/eating area and large master. SHERRY BENNINGER</p> <p>6535 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE
Dramatic Contemporary w/views of the valley. Surrounded by trees. 3/2, recreation room + room to develop. N. LEHRKIND</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$449,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$439,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$429,000</p> <p>\$399,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$299,000</p> |
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Piedmont - By Appointment

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| <p>GLEN ALPINE ROAD
Historical French Country Estate on a level site. Elegant formal rooms, European library and luxurious master suite w/dual baths. 10+/7+ & sep. guest house. SANDRA VOGL</p> <p>ENGLISH MANOR
A gorgeous residence, designed by Albert Farr & embraced by 2 1/2 acres of lovely gardens, a shimmering pool & beautiful architectural retreats. GRUBB/TUNNEY</p> <p>PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN
A beautiful Mediterranean w/dramatic architectural detailing & lots of privacy. Updated kitchen & 6 bdms. ANIAN TUNNEY</p> <p>MILLER WARNEKE
Architecturally designed and built w/comfort & style. This attractive home invites the best of indoor/outdoor living. Every room has wonderful garden vistas. D. GRUBB JR</p> <p>MONTEREY COLONIAL
Elegant home located in one of Piedmont's most desirable neighborhoods. Remodeled kitchen, family room & rumpus room. 4/4 w/lovely gardens. ELIZABETH DICKSON</p> <p>APPEALING TRADITIONAL
Centrally located on a quiet tree-lined street, this home is a buyer's dream. Three bedrooms/two and one-half baths, family room and lovely garden. ELIZABETH DICKSON</p> | <p>CALL FOR PRICE</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$2,495,000</p> <p>\$1,965,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$949,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$819,000</p> | <p>HILLSIDE AVENUE
New Listing \$735,000
Level in Traditional to 3 bedrooms/2 baths. w/rumpus & 2-car garage on lower level. Updated throughout and lovingly cared for. DEBRADRYDEN</p> <p>WILDWOOD GARDENS
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English style home in wonderful Piedmont neighborhood. 4 bedrooms/1.5 bath. Landscaping potential. MINDY SCOTT</p> <p>CREEKSIDE SETTING
Ideal location, fabulous style. Flexible floor plan with knotty pine rumpus and perfect kitchen/family room. 4 bedrooms/3 baths. KATHERINE COOPER</p> <p>VIEW • VIEW • VIEW
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Delightful Mediterranean w/bright, updated kitchen & formal rooms. 2+1/2. Close to schools & trans. SANDRA VOGL</p> |
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| <p>RARE PRESALE OFFERING
The first of 7 new architect designed estates on a private drive. Classic Colonial w/ stunning city & Bay views. D. DRYDEN</p> <p>SKYLINE ACREAGE
Offering the best in indoor/outdoor living. 4/3.5 & sep. cottage. Wonderful use of wood, granite & limestone. N. LEHRKIND</p> <p>ESCAPE THE CITY
Charming 1880s Victorian farmhouse w/sweeping Bay views on almost 1/2 acre of level grounds. 5+3. B. BALESTRIERI</p> <p>ELMWOOD
Romantic Traditional. Truly charming w/craftsman details and unbelievable gardens. Perfectly suited w/formal rooms. 3bdms/2.5 baths + sep. office or au pair. SANDRA VOGL</p> <p>ARCHITECT'S OWN HOME
Built 7 years ago. Shingled exterior. Office or 4th bedroom on entry level. Advant garde kitchen. DEBRA DRYDEN</p> | <p>\$1,600,000</p> <p>\$935,000</p> <p>\$599,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING \$535,000</p> <p>\$549,000</p> | <p>CLASSIC MEDITERRANEAN
Beautiful details. 4 bedrooms/3 baths, rumpus, new roof. Here is your chance to fix up. "As is." A. GRUBB</p> <p>CROCKER HIGHLANDS
Your own park complete w/creek & majestic oaks. Mostly level 1/4 acre. Spacious living room, formal dining & bright kitchen. Four bedrooms/2 baths. JUDY CAIN</p> <p>RIDGEMONT
Landscaped grounds & deck surround this 3/2.5 home. Family room, modern eat-in kitchen & formal dining. S. BENNINGER</p> <p>OAKMORE BUNGALOW
Convenient one-level living. 3 bdms/2 baths w/hardwood floors, patio & garden. Deep upscale lot. "As is." A. GRUBB</p> <p>DIMOND DIST.
Impeccable 1913 Victorian Bungalow. Stylish interior with huge rooms. Updated kitchen. 2bdms/1 bath. JOHN KARNAY</p> <p>AFFORDABLE TEMESCAL
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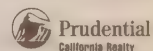
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Pink paint dispute

Residential building projects of any size are likely to include a dispute between the homeowner and the contractor at some time or other in the progress of the project.

A homeowner contracting to spend thousands of dollars to remodel or repair his or her home is, in reality, agreeing to enter into a project for which he cannot see or try on the final outcome until it is done, and has to completely trust the contractor to make it come out just as originally described. This situation can lead to hurts and frustrations, not only for the home-

We, meanwhile, went about our merry way, fixing this and that; however, about the time we started to apply the exterior paint, the lady of the house had to leave town on family business. Upon her return three days later, she expressed total upset at the color of the paint on the outside of her house. It was not the right shade for her taste, even though it was the exact color of the chip that she had previously indicated as her choice.

At my suggestion, we went to the paint store together, the homeowner and I, to pick out a color to

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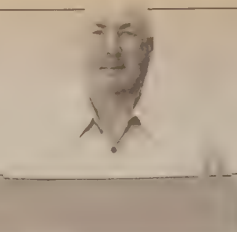
out very differently from how it did, which was happily. I could have insisted that the customer's original choice of paint was the one that we had applied and that I was not going to change it.

If I had followed this path, she most likely would have been very hurt and frustrated, and might have called her lawyer to talk to my lawyer about getting what she wanted. We might have tried to get the dispute mediated by a professional in that field.

Both of these alternatives would have been very expensive, adding unnecessary costs to a job that had already been stopped for a few days because of a difference in color perception.

In this situation, I noticed my own hurt and frustration and tried to work out the problem in the most reasonable manner in order to get the job completed on schedule, and putting on the color of pink that the homeowner approved, even if it meant a new paint job, did that.

What I learned from this situation is that a paint chip will not do to show the true color of paint on an entire wall. It is often necessary to buy a small quantity of the paint chosen and apply a two or three foot area of it to the area being painted. I also learned that everybody sees



colors differently, and that my perception of a shade or tone may not be the same as that of a client.

This situation can lead to hurts and frustrations, not only for the homeowner but also for the contractor.

A contractor has the responsibility to give the client the knowledge to make an informed and permanent decision on a large or small part of a project, and the homeowner needs to take on the responsibility to become more involved in the day-to-day progress of the project and not assume that, as in the case of the pink paint, what goes on the wall will be a perfect match to what was chosen from a tiny one by one inch chip.

Disputes can be minimized by the homeowner and the contractor establishing just what the homeowner wants in the project and by careful monitoring by all parties during the project to make sure that what is wanted is what is being done.

Don Pearman is an Oakland contractor and author of "The Termite Report: How to Save Your Home from Pests, Rot and Earthquakes." Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602

Low rates keep home sales robust; COFI falls

In the May 28 Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.07 percent, with fees and points averaging 1 percent. This bellwether rate is down 3 basis points from last week when it averaged 7.10 percent.

In the last week of May 1997, the 30-year fixed averaged 7.94 percent.

The start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.70 percent with fees averaging 1.2 percent, unchanged from last week's average. This time last year this start rate averaged 5.83 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, fell 3 basis points to 6.72 percent from last week's average of 6.75 percent. Fees and points averaged 1 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed averaged 7.47 percent.

"This the 30th consecutive week that we have experienced 30-year fixed-rate figures below 7 1/4 percent," said Freddie Mac chief economist Robert Van Order.

"Low interest rates have contributed to a robust housing industry, which was evidenced in the National Association of Realtors report on existing home sales released this week. Although down slightly, the sale of 4.8 mil-

lion existing homes in April to a very healthy and active market."

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered in Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages mortgages into marketable securities.

In this way Freddie Mac maintains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage paid by home buyers.

Over the years, Freddie has opened the doors for one million home buyers and two million others in America.

More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web at www.freddie-mac.com.

Updates on the latest Freddie Mac averages are available on Thursdays after noon. Call toll-free 888-780-2060 for updates.

On May 29 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reported the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for June 1998 payments at 4.903 percent down just one single basis point from the 4.913 percent that was in effect for 1998 payments.

The COFI is the index used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgage

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owner but also for the contractor.

I was involved in a situation years ago when my company was painting a house on the outside, replastering and painting it on the inside, in addition to doing other extensive remodeling work throughout the house. The homeowner had picked out the colors for the paint for the inside and outside from standard one by one inch chips from the paint store.

her liking. The one she chose was almost the same shade as that originally chosen, but ever so slightly lighter. The color in question was what I call Pepto-Bismol pink, and the difference in shades was barely perceptible. We then painted over the outside area which we had just painted with the "unacceptable" shade of pink with the new color, and the client was happy.

This situation could have turned

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6638 LONGWALK\$539,000
Newer listing! Three year old home. Nearly 3,000 sq. ft. 4+BR, 3.5BA, family room, 3 frps, gourmet kit, SF view, only \$180 sq. ft! Can't be beat. A must see. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

6646 HEATHERIDGE WAY\$389,000
Two year old home. Quiet convenient location close to village. 3+BR, 2.5BA. Formal living and dining rooms. Vaulted ceilings. David Hennigan 601-9540

4314 HARBORD DRIVE\$399,500
Lovely 3BR, 2BA family home on private drive. Sensational patio/garden, remodeled, quality eat-in kitchen, master bedroom suite, random plank hardwood floors, huge rear lawn. Don Dunning 482-2266

4521 MONTGOMERY ST.\$299,500
Reduced to under market value. Seller motivated. Lovely 2BR, 2.5BA townhome near Rockridge & Piedmont Ave shops. Over 1,700 sq. ft. Bay view, master BR suite w/whirlpool tub, security system. Jaya Bhimani ext. 289

3857 MADRONE - New listing! Cheerful 2BD/1+BA home with hill view offered additional 1BR + 1BA downstairs. Great neighborhood,\$183,500
fabulous price! Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

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2 bedrooms in Maxwell Park on great street, gorgeous hardwood floors, formal dining room with built-in cabinets. 1-car garage. Kate Phillips 436-4100

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Quiet side street. 8 year old 3BR, 2BA with country size kitchen & living room. Spacious throughout, fenced yard, huge 2+ car garage. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

ADAMS POINT CONDO - Beautifully maintained bldg. Spacious, sunny 1BR, 1BA modern kitchen, overlooking pool. Security entrance,\$55,000
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GRAND LAKE\$449,000
Lovely 4BR, 2BA home, fireplace, hardwood floors, garden, plus 2 one-bed townhouse apartments. 4 garages. Great location. Anne Bruff 531-7006 ext. 283

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Wonderful and charming traditional units. Freshly painted exterior, hardwood floors, large 2 bed units. Fruitvale district. Anne Bruff 531-7006 ext. 283

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5754 Colton Blvd., Montclair - 2+bd/1ba.....\$299,000
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132 Taurus Ave., Montclair - 4+bd/3ba.....\$1,095,000
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5883 Ascot Drive, Montclair - 2+bd/2ba.....\$299,000
Panoramic San Francisco Bay view and over 1/2 acre lot in Piedmont Pines. Rich Gould

6170 Mazuela Drive, Montclair - 5bd/4ba.....\$995,000
Gorgeous new construction with stunning style. Cherry, limestone & granite, 3 frpls, kitchen/family rm. Lee Jacobson

3761 Victor Ave., Redwood Heights - 3bd/2ba.....\$299,000
First open! Charming traditional with panoramic bay views. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen and sunroom. Tom Anthony

66 Hampton Road, Piedmont - 4bd/5+ba.....\$995,000
New listing! Spectacular traditional on nearly 1/4 acre with park-like grounds. Courtyard adjacent to grand sized living room, ballroom-sized lower level family room opens to yard. Patricia Scott

2724 Mountain Blvd., Montclair - 3bd/2ba.....\$289,000
Pristine all level traditional with custom finishes, great outdoor space, Montclair schools, loads of storage. Dick Cohen

1123 Clarendon Cres., Crocker Highlands - 4bd/4ba.....\$749,500
New listing! One quarter acre retreat with tiered front gardens, large rear yard and serene wooded outlook. Jeffrey Himmel

74 Sequoyah View Dr., Oakland Hills - 3bd/2ba.....\$284,000
Great house for entertaining - decks, yard and patio. Beautiful hardwood floors, skylights, master bath with granite, formal dining or family room. Michelle Miller

4241 Wood Dr., Pied. Side of Montclair - 4bd/2ba.....\$489,000
New listing! One quarter acre retreat with tiered front gardens, large rear yard and serene wooded outlook. Jeffrey Himmel

2692 Camino Lenada, Montclair - 3+bd/2ba.....\$279,000
Pied. Pines contemp in private oak tree setting. Updated eat-in kit, formal dining, walk to shopping & parks. Wendy Gardner

3600 Butters Dr., Joaquin Miller - 3+bd/2+ba.....\$475,000
First open! Beautifully remodeled home with classically elegant living and dining rooms, wonderful kitchen/family room, office and great yard. Kathleen Callahan

59 Sereno Circle, Redwood Hills - 2bd/2ba.....\$249,000
New listing! Breathtaking bay view townhouse. Light and spacious rooms, vaulted beam ceilings, hardwood floors, fireplace, decks and patio. Rosalie Woods

432 Hudson St., Rockridge - 4bd/2ba.....\$398,000
New listing! Classic bungalow with wainscoting, hardwood floors, wonderful master suite, new kitchen and baths and lovely landscaped yard. Joan Dark

3218 Madeline St., Laurel - 2+bd/1ba.....\$219,000
New listing! Bright and charming with remodeled kitchen with breakfast area, formal dining room, hardwood floors. Vicki Woodhead

38 Conrad Ct., Montclair - 2+bd/1ba.....\$299,000
New listing! Charming peaceful setting. Beautifully remod kit, French doors lead to brick patio, bonus room. Donna Costella

2915 Eastman St., Laurel - 2+bd/1ba.....\$149,500
New listing! Charming bungalow with hardwood floors, home office and beautifully landscaped yard. Diane Earl McCan

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RIDGEMONT ESTATE.....\$1,275,000
Dramatic S.F. & Golden Gate views from a private hilltop location. 11 rooms including 5 bedrooms, 4 baths and gracious grounds with sports court. Robyn Mohr

MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$329,000
Convenient close-in location with flexible floor plan. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths and family room or 4th bedroom on lower level. Sally Morrison

PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$995,000
Elegant and renovated throughout. Beautiful kitchen/family room opens to level yard. 5+BD/3+BA. Walk to schools. Georgia Cornell

PIEDMONT AVENUE TRIPLEX.....\$305,000
Charming triplex with roomy one bedroom flats. 2 fireplaces, 2 dining rooms, yard and redwood trees. Lee Jacobson

ULTIMATE PRIVACY & LUXURY.....\$874,000
Built on 1.4 acres surrounded by miles of parkland. 5BD/3BA, soaring ceilings, elegant great room, formal dining, all quality materials. Helen Danhahd 547-5750

PIEDMONT'S FINEST LOT.....\$299,000
This 9,590 sq ft lot slopes down from quiet, upscale Tyson Circle to Tahoe-like setting of beautiful Lake Tyson. Dee Knowland

CENTRAL PIEDMONT.....\$759,000
Dramatic architecture, sophisticated decor and beautiful condition. 4+ bedrooms, 3 baths. Level out to garden. Georgia Cornell

WOODED CREEKSIDE SETTING.....\$269,000
New listing! Lovingly updated 3+ bedroom with plantation shutters, gleaming hardwood floors, beautiful eat-in kitchen, deck, patio and garden in park like setting. Robyn Mohr

STUNNING NEW HOME - MONTCLAIR.....\$725,000
Versatile floor plan with optimal privacy and light. 4BD/3BA, large kitchen/hook/family room area, sunken living room with 11 foot ceilings, courtyard. David Ichikawa

1920'S COTTAGE - UPPER OAKMORE.....\$259,000
Charming and sunny 2+ bedroom on private drive. Plus space with exterior access, large lot. Michelle Vasey

CUSTOM HILLER TOWNHOUSE.....\$595,000
Gorgeous end unit, many upgrades, Golden Gate & Bay views, decks, patio, 2-car garage + extra off street parking. Dee Knowland

REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$249,500
Charming ranch style 3 bedroom home on cul-de-sac with plus room and garden views. Diane Earl McCan

CLASSIC RIDGEMONT.....\$359,000
A great value on quiet cul-de-sac with level yard. 3 bedrooms, 2+ baths and den. Jeffrey Himmel

MAXWELL PARK CRAFTSMAN.....\$149,500
This 3BD/1BA bungalow has the charm of yesteryear with convenience of modern upgrades. A great buy! Joan Dark

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Multiunit apartment values up in Berkeley

Woodworth, a Security Pacific Real Estate residential investor who specializes in Berkeley multiunit apartment buildings, is noting a dramatic increase in market values in his territory.

"I'm seeing properties selling to 20 percent above what they were for a few years ago," says Woodworth.

Woodworth, 36, has sold residential investment properties for 10 years. He has worked exclusively in the Berkeley marketplace for Security Pacific Real Estate for over four years. Woodworth was awarded Outstanding Production Commercial Sales 1997 by Security Pacific Real Estate.

He cites a vacancy-decontrol measure passed by the California legislature in 1995 as the cause of the value hikes. The Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995 allows apartment owners to raise rents up to 15 percent upon voluntary vacancy as of January 1,

On Jan. 1, 1999 the act allows increases to whatever the market will bear upon voluntary vacancy.

"The market for residential investment properties is much tighter in Berkeley right now," says Woodworth. "There are fewer properties available because owners are waiting for significant changes in rent control to take effect next year. Current listings are being snapped up quickly because values of investment properties will increase

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DAN WOODWORTH.

as the rents increase. It's definitely a seller's market right now."

Residential investment properties on the market in Berkeley are selling above listing price. Woodworth is closing two eight-unit properties this month. Both are selling nine to ten percent above the asking price.

According to the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, the city-wide vacancy rates are running as high as 20 percent. Woodworth notes those areas near UC Berkeley campus and hotspots like North Berkeley and Fourth Street and Cedar have vacancy rates of 2 percent or less.

Woodworth works for Security Pacific Real Estate, an independent broker that offers its agents the latest technology in a "SMART" state-of-the-art office. Security Pacific provides high-speed ISDN Internet access, E-mail, and company-wide communications via an "intranet" system called SPAN (Security Pacific Area Network) at every workstation.



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It occurs to me that maybe I never said all there is to say about fixing up houses for sale. On a number of occasions I've urged would-be sellers to clean and fix and polish their houses, make them spare and clean and appealing.

This is because many buyers want to buy something with maximum appeal. They are willing to pay more for a house that charms them, one that they can move into without further ado and so, in many cases, the seller comes out ahead after fixing.

The buyers we are talking about here are abundant. Cute and Charming houses are bustling with lookers at Sunday open houses. Very often these days three or six or even 15 of those lookers write offers in an attempt to buy these houses. Prices are driven up; sellers and agents are amazed and impressed.

"It's that cute factor," as agents say. Houses that show well, particularly those that are professionally staged, capture people, cause them to imagine living real life in what is actually a stage set.

Plump couches, spanking clean and white; multilayered duvet, comforter and shams and sheets; a blowzy bouquet (but nothing else) on a long, sleek granite counter. All of these are inviting, particularly because so much is missing. There is no TV in sight, no toaster,

The cosmetics of staging

no crumbs, no stacks of anything. There isn't much furniture either.

I get sucked in all the time. I look at these houses and embrace them. I want where I live to look like them, which it doesn't. If I had nothing but money, I'd buy one of the fantasy houses and move in; when it got tatty, I'd do it again.

But not all buyers are the same and that's the part I think I haven't said before. Clients of ours have told us that staged houses put them off. "Too yuppy," said one, and another told us, "I guess that's the kind of house everyone wants but it isn't for me."

I think these buyers don't trust these houses to be true; they see the fantasy and it makes them uncomfortable. Now isn't that interesting?

One young woman client has said about several houses we took her to, "I'd like to have had this one before they did anything." This happened enough that we finally caught on: We rejected houses we might have shown her because they looked too good and began to concentrate instead on needy houses which she finds more to her liking.

I think what she finds satisfying is akin to pawing through piles of clothes at a secondhand store or searching a back corner of an antique shop: she is hoping, perhaps expecting, to find a treasure missed by others and feel rich for it.

There are also people who go out of their way to find and buy major fixers. We've certainly pointed out to these people on occasion that it doesn't always make economic sense to buy them. By the time the roof and foundation are fixed, plus the electrical and the kitchen and so forth, the

buyer might better have paid more for something in better shape to begin with. But logic doesn't necessarily mitigate passion.

I had a fascinating conversation not long ago with an agent friend whose client had just won a bidding war on a house that I thought was dreadful. The found-

how much more money you can probably get if, for example, your house is painted and clean.

Unless you happen to have a severely distressed property, one that cosmetics will not help much, you are probably going to sell for a higher price by appealing to the largest group of buyers out there:

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dation was gone, as was the (completely empty) kitchen, and everything was dirty and worn out. Worse, as far as I could see, this particular house had little going for it even when it was new and whole. And so, I asked why the client had bought it.

My friend said he had no idea. The buyer had never owned a house before. He'd met her some months prior when she was thinking of buying a condo — something with no maintenance that she could move right into. He showed her a few condos, then she drifted away. There was no contact for quite awhile until suddenly she'd called to say she had found her dream house. She'd seen this wreck of a house and wanted it.

The agent was astonished to learn of what her dreams were made. Because there was competition for the house from a number of other dreamers, they offered to pay more than asking price, and she got it. I know nothing more about what happened after that.

Are you thinking you might save yourself a lot of trouble and sell your house just as it is? Does this idea hold great appeal? I have to tell you that while it might work, it might not. It really is surprising

the seekers of clean and pretty. But there are circumstances, and maybe these are yours, where selling as is — broken, ailing, full and all — will be to your advantage.

Ask a good agent to look at your house. You will know who the good agent is, at least initially, because he or she will take the time to give thoughtful consideration to your individual situation.

The agent will ask about your abilities, resources, and needs, will look carefully at the house and its problems and make recommendations, as well as guesstimates of sale prices.

The guesstimates may be wrong, however. Because the number of people who want to buy fixers and other "non-cute" houses is smaller, it can be tricky to predict the ultimate sale price and how long it will take to get it.

"Cute" houses are easier. It's usually possible to arrive at a price that they will surely sell for. Then, if there are multiple offers, the price can be higher still.

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Advice for owners of historic homes

Part one of two

In previous columns, I have addressed some of the most commonly asked questions about the advantages and pitfalls of buying and selling historic homes. Now, I shall present a detailed analysis of the most reliable criteria for making good investments when buying or restoring a historic house, and for avoiding poor investments in such properties.

At the end of the Hollywood hit film "The Money Pit", the head contractor hired to restore the old house bought by Tom Hanks character tells him, "Well, the founda-

tion was sound. And if that's good, everything else is fixable." That is somewhat of an oversimplification, to say the least. But there is a lot of truth to this statement.

Fixer-uppers

When Realtors describe a listing as a fixer-upper, it has become almost common knowledge that what they really mean is a house that needs major structural work. You can usually count on such listings having a very large pest control report, and also either a roof that leaks all over and/or a foundation that needs replacing.

However, these types of homes are not always bad investments,



Photo by Mark Wilson

This restored Italianate house at 1630 Central Avenue in Alameda was a good investment because the cost of purchasing and restoring it did not exceed the value of nearby comparable homes.

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even for first time buyers who don't have a brother-in-law in the contractor business. The main criterion to use when deciding whether to buy a real fixer-upper is whether or not the end result will be worth all the effort and money you'll have to put into it.

The best way to determine if a such a home is a good investment is to take a close look at the salvageable "historic features" that remain in the house. To do this, you need to educate yourself as to what original architectural features were used on the style and period of house you are interested in.

If you don't already know this information when you are looking at a historic house, it is best to hire an expert as a consultant who can go through the house with you and explain which features are intact or salvageable original elements.

The rest is largely a question of simple economics. After you've identified the salvageable historic features of an old house, then you need to add up the cost of restoring those items, together with the structural repairs the house needs, to see whether they add up to an amount that will leave a margin for some equity in the property when you're done with all the work.

Tender loving care

A "TLCer" is usually a better investment than any fixer-upper in the same neighborhood, simply because the return on your investment is almost always greater. This term has come to mean that a house looks to be in worse condition than it is, and that it needs primarily cosmetic,

rather than structural repairs.

To determine what restorations a home in this category really needs, once again you need to know what original features were common on an old house of the style you are looking at.

Some items are obviously inappropriate features for a historic home, such as a thin plywood mantel over an old stone-faced Arts-and-Crafts fireplace, or "cottage cheese" stucco surfacing in between boxed beams on the ceiling of a Colonial Revival house. With this type of home, it is advisable to consult with an interior designer or architect who is familiar with historic houses.

Architecturally correct

One of the biggest mistakes owners of historic homes can make is in the area of remodeling certain rooms or building an addition onto an older house. Despite what a few purists might say, there is nothing wrong with updating some rooms in a historic home, or adding more living space onto an old residence. The demands of modern living often require such changes. After all, people cannot be expected to live in a museum.

The trick with such alterations is to make them aesthetically harmonious with the historic features of the original house. Nothing detracts more from the quality or the resale value of an older home than an addition constructed with materials that clash visually with the rest of the building, or a remodeled kitchen

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Events

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Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS), 519 17th St. in Oakland, provides a series of free and low-cost small-business developmental workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. Classes include Goal Setting, Credit CPR, Legal Aspects of Small Business, Marketing and Advertising and Understanding Business Statements. Call 273-6000 to reserve space or to receive information about other seminars.

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Teachers receive grants from Mason-McDuffie foundation

The Mason-McDuffie Education Foundation, sponsored by Prudential California Realty, has awarded its 1998 grants to Bay Area teachers.

Berkeley grant recipients include George Finocchio and Dorothy Walker of Washington Elementary, Denise Brown and Jennifer Smallwood of Le Conte Elementary, Linda Spatz of Emerson Elementary and Jake Wiley of Willard Middle.

The teachers were recognized at an awards ceremony held at

Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek on May 14. Each teacher was presented a money grant to be used at their discretion.

The Education Foundation awarded nearly \$45,000 in grants to 87 teachers in 1998. Foundation grants are presented to Bay Area public school teachers who demonstrate passion for teaching, commitment to education, effort to build students' self-confidence, drive to surpass standards, and the ability to encourage and

inspire students, teachers and the community.

The it was established in 1992, the Education Foundation has awarded more than 300 grants totaling more than \$160,000.

Funds for the Foundation are the result of the ongoing commitment of Prudential California Realty owners, agents, managers and staff. The continued growth of the endowment is ensured through ongoing pledges, corporate contributions and other sponsorships.

"We believe that by rewarding teacher excellence," said A. David Cobo, President and CEO of Prudential California Realty, "we are stimulating a key link to the future of our communities. Prudential California Realty is extremely pleased to be able to offer our thanks to teachers who are making a difference."

"Teachers are among our greatest resources," according to Marcia Schwartz, Mason-McDuffie Education Foundation Chair. "The Foundation wishes to acknowledge these dedicated individuals for their priceless contributions to our children and our communities."

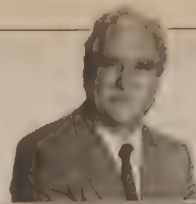
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PHILIP WEINGROW



Keeping in touch

Q: I am working with an excellent Realtor but she isn't up to date. She is hard to reach because she doesn't have a cell phone or pager. In this fast paced market am I at a disadvantage?

A: You can't do better then have a highly competent Realtor when looking for a home. Given the market you described, the ability to communicate easily is also important. But consider this.

In our local market there is benefit to the seller in waiting until the home has been fully exposed to the market before hearing offers. What this usually means is that once the property is listed, the seller refuses to hear offers until at least one public open house has occurred and that the home is available for showing for approximately one week.

Most sellers are too savvy to let someone come into their home with an offer the minute it's listed. They know that by letting everyone know their home is for sale they have a chance for a bidding war to break out. Quick and easy communica-

tion is important, but a cell phone never sold a home. Keep that high quality, old-fashioned high quality Realtor.

Q: I'm selling my home in Piedmont. An uncle in San Diego has offered to list my home for less than the 6 percent commission. Is there any reason I shouldn't have him represent me?

A: There are many reasons why an out of area broker would have a difficult time representing a client in an area with which he's not familiar. Commission aside, there are costs as well as local regulations associated with the sale of a home. In Piedmont, Oakland and Alameda for example, there are different charges for transfer fees.

Local custom typically determines who pays these. Is your uncle aware of the fees or local customs? If not it could cost you. Each of these municipalities have various disclosure requirements—a sidewalk ordinance in one, sewer lateral inspections in another. Is

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your uncle knowledgeable about these?

If not, you may be opening yourself to significant legal as well as financial liability. Other aspects of marketing a home come into play. Wall to wall carpets are desirable in one area, hardwood floors in another. Will your uncle make the right suggestion regarding what to do that will help your home sell quickly for the highest possible price?

Then there's the issue of pricing your home for sale. Realtors who work in the area of your home not only know what comparable homes sold for, but they have also been inside those homes. They know why this home sold quickly and why the other sat on the market for almost a year, even though they were identically priced.

And it's this kind of information that can result in a sale that maximizes your competitiveness in the marketplace.

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A good time to get potted

Yesterday was actually a sunny Sunday. After enjoying the paper and umpteenth cups of coffee I put on my boots and did some yard work. Cutting the grass, that had started to take on jungle proportions, was the first order of business. Next I emptied all the standing water that I could find. Once the weather warms we are going to be inundated with mosquitoes. The small wigglers (mosquito larvae) live in stagnant freshwater - literally hundreds can be found in a five gallon bucket of water.

Most of the stagnant water in my yard was found in the tens of plastic and clay pots. It is while I was dumping all that yucky water out of

whimsical gardener. I use what many people call junk as a plant container. I then strategically place my planted piece of junk in the yard to make an eye catching statement.

Containers can be hanging, free standing, attached to walls or fences. You can perch containers on top of retaining walls, railings, rocks in the garden, stools, chairs, ladders, on top of inverted pots, in other planted pots.

For a formal look entry way containers can be large clay, plastic or cement containers. Two eye catching and conversation pieces near entry ways are either a large old leather boot that has been planted, or a chair that has had its seat re-

placed with a saucer under it (do not let the container sit in the saucer) you want to avoid having the water reabsorbed from the bottom of the pot. Water that has passed through the soil has dissolved some nutrients and salt - you do not want the salt to be absorbed by the plant. Clay pots breath (they are porous) and may need to be watered more often than nonporous plastic pots. Obviously the smaller the container the less water and nutrients that can be stored - so watering and feeding more often become a necessity.

When selecting plants for a pot keep three things in mind - the size, placement and purpose of the pot. Pot size will limit the number and size of plants the pot will hold. Site placement speaks to the cultural requirements of the plants - are they, in shade, part shade or sun. Purpose can run the gamut of something beautiful to look at, adding light to a shady area, providing a screen from prying eyes, helping you avoid looking at something unsightly or giving shade to a small area.

Planted containers create an unnatural environment - you will have to replenish plantings far more often than that they were placed in the ground. If you decide to use annuals then you will be replenishing plants seasonally, but if you use or incorporate perennials in your arrangement you will considerably lessen the number of replantings.

One major artistic consideration you should use in container planting is to create different levels of plants. Filling a pot with all petunias or pansies will give you great color, but it is a flat look - no variety of form. I like to use at least three

Choosing the pot for the spot shows your creativity. I am rather a whimsical gardener. I use what many people call junk as a plant container. I then strategically place my planted piece of junk in the yard to make an eye catching statement.

the pots that I dribbled upon my next article. As the years progress and gardening takes its toll on my body I become more and more enamored with container planting.

There is almost an endless variety of containers that can hold and display plants. Strawberry pots, oak barrels (either cut in half longitudinally or latitudinally), pickle pots, plastic pots of different colors and shapes, wooden boxes, wooden barrels, clay pots of varying sizes, cement containers, shoes, chairs, hats, wheel barrels, bath tubs, old sinks, almost anything that can hold soil can be used as a planting container.

My neighbor has planted two urinals - one hangs on the front porch and the other on the back porch. I will admit that I find the urinal planters not to my liking. Perhaps a better choice of plant materials would change my opinion.

Choosing the pot for the spot shows your creativity. I am rather a

moved and a planting tray inserted in its place. I think the use of an old rocking chair is really spectacular - for one of the plants can be a vine that will twine around the back of the chair. An old wooden stool with a pot on top of it can also be planted dramatically with upright plants and hanging plants that weave in and out of the stool's legs.

Once you start to look at every day objects as containers - you can let your creativity go wild. The nice thing about containers is that you can easily change the contents until you get the look that you want.

You must realize that whatever container you choose it will provide to your plants limited space, soil, water and nutrients. The container plants can not be treated as if they are in your garden soil. You must water and feed more often than you would your garden plants.

Watering your containers adequately poses a problem. If your

CALI-FLORA



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different planting heights - occasionally I use a fourth level by adding a hanging plant around the edge of the container - Vinca minor, Lobelia, Pin Point Ivy and Lantana are a few of the many plants that trail. An upright perennial in the center, or slightly off-center, provides the first level. I surround that perennial with two other plant varieties of different heights thus creating the second and third height level in the pot.

Sometimes monochromatic plantings make a very striking visual impact. For the most part pots are planted with contrasting colors - try to choose plants that will flower for a long period of time so that you will have a continual burst of color. When buying the plants place the plants in your basket as if it were the pot, this will give you a feel for the ultimate planted look of the pot.

Do not hesitate to plant small trees or bushes in large containers. At one time we had a Tristiana laurina in a large wine barrel which was on wheels. We would roll the tree around on the deck to provide a small island of shade.

Another rather large box container we planted with three Pittosporum eugenioides in order to create a screen from our neighbors deck. Dwarf fruit trees - especially citrus - are great container

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Touring Adams Point

The legacy of one of the century's most highly respected public officials adds some political history to the 1998 installment of the annual Oakland Heritage Alliance House Tour. This year, the tour returns to Oakland's architecturally rich Lake Merritt area by visiting the west side of Adams Point, centered around Park View Terrace.

In that neighborhood, former Alameda County District Attorney Earl R. Warren raised his large family while building one of the most distinguished political careers in U.S. history.

The Warrens' stately Beaux Arts home, designed by architects Bakewell and Brown, is one of the dozen fine houses and apartment buildings featured on the tour.

The event provides a concentrated survey of the entire range of California residential design in the first third of the 20th Century, from a classic turn-of-the-century Craftsman bungalow by architect Thomas Newsom to the stunning Art Deco interiors of The Park View, a 1929 Beaux Arts apartment building by architect Lawrence F. Hyde, who designed many of the multistory residential structures around Lake Merritt.

The Colonial Revival trend is represented in two houses by well-known architect A. W. Smith, in-

cluding the Dahlke-Aiken and its spectacular stained-glass window depicting the Battle of San Juan.

The McNamara-Shaw House, the former residence of founding partner of the Shaw Clay piano retailing chain, nearby Hatch House, each feature elegant interior features, representing the Tudor-inspired design popular during the period.

Examples of the work of architects H. A. Kempf, Willis C. and Louis M. Upton further illustrate the evolution of the Craftsman aesthetic that flourished in the early 20th-century California.

The tour, scheduled for Saturday, June 7, from noon to 5 p.m., will explore one of the best treasures of residential architecture in the West. An open reception will be held on the grounds of the Warren House.

For tickets, call 763-9211. Admission is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Tickets will be available the day of the tour. The check-in table in front of Park View at 315 Park View.

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High art; low art

less interested in art than I am. And I think I am also less interested in the difference between high art and low art than I am interested in self expression. When I did my mother would dress in a suit and take me into town to see theater but I always loved the movies better. I felt that theater was high art and movies were entertainment (or art). Movies, in my mind, can be art and theater can be somewhat pretty low. In the best of art can be about intellectual expression and communication. Sometimes art can be a vehicle for emotional and intellectual and self discovery.

the question

question I am coming to is: high art and low art in architecture and how does that apply to design? Architecture is almost interested in issues of newness and creativity and sometimes seems like the art part. On one level it is sort of like progress to hidden pop-up they move to free form wrapped and then return to the latest and the round light. There was a creativity and originality in

all that light stuff might not be art.

Form vs. function

There are buildings that are designed mostly on the basis of functional issues. Then there are buildings involved with finding the latest headlights.

Other buildings are created in the form of established styles. Then there are homes that have a lot to do with the combined creative efforts of owners and architects with the results growing out of a collaboration. This I think is the greatest opportunity.

The artful house

The end result of a house design is the furnished house with real people living in it. The most artful house to me is one that suits and expresses the owners life style. And the creation of ones own life style might be the ultimate personal art that we have today.

They used to say living well was the ultimate revenge, I am distorting that to be living well is the ultimate expression. Having said that I have some creative friends who have zero interest in visual things and while they may have

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Grisly tales in the landlord's halls

By H. W. Moss

Tenants are not the only ones with rental horror stories. A property owner, or landlord, is on the other side of every tale.

My tenants of eight years recently moved. They bought a building, two legal units, and moved themselves into the lower unit and their extended family of in-laws into the upper.

They evicted the existing long-term tenants to make room for themselves, the new owners. This is legal in San Francisco. Still, one tenant of ten years resisted. They ultimately lost and had to move.

But that is not my story. Mine is entirely different. On the first of August Carl told me he and Mary and their child would be gone by September 15. He had already closed escrow and was only waiting for his units to become vacant. Carl told me I should use his security deposit and apply it to his last month and a half.

That's wrong, I explained. He owed me rent and his security deposit was not a substitute. Carl should pay the entire month and a half he remained, then I would return all or a portion of his security deposit after he moved. Obviously, this was not news. He had calculated the exact day he would inform me.

When Carl and Mary moved in eight years before, the property was not the most desirable. Although located in a bustling section of the Mission district at the base of Bernal Heights, it is secluded and hard to find. Once you've been there it's a piece of cake but otherwise it's the last of the rustics.

That's because the residence is a former commercial space. It has 14 foot ceilings and two large skylights, a loft style interior that is not your typical two bedroom layout. At 1,300 square feet, the place is almost too big. It has exposed conduit in all the rooms, an extremely large living room separated from the kitchen by a mere five foot high barrier and ceiling lights that require a six foot ladder to change a bulb.

Few people wanted it. On the plus side, it is big. There is a large sunny garden with a deck suitable for barbecues and a 40 foot brick walkway leading up to a private parking lot.

In order to entice Carl and Mary, I let them pick out the color and had the entire place, with the exception of the kitchen, bathroom and breakfast nook, carpeted. Carl's son was born there. He turned seven just before they moved.

After Carl was gone I learned the extent of the damage. Carl had not liked the low-flow shower head the city required me to install and he replaced it with his own. The family must have used it for many years because the water splashing off their bodies and onto the floor eventually seeped under the tile.

The dry-rot was extensive. It had eaten out the floor and climbed eight inches up the inside of the wall. Carl said it was my fault the floor tile had come loose. He had a dart board which he took with him when he left. The circle of clean, unpunctured lath and plaster was a dead giveaway on the living room wall.

The thousands of dart holes were not overly difficult to repair. But the crayon wall where the boy studied art required two layers of primer before the waxy rain-bow would not show through the new latex paint.

The apartment has six inch wide pine bannisters atop the stairs that lead into the loft as well as pine shelves in the bathroom and kitchen areas. Carl is a smoker. All the wood surfaces now have long black burns on them.

And there are burn spots everywhere on the carpet, new when they moved in. Even the linoleum kitchen floor has burn spots. Nor did Carl take all his possessions with him. A chest of drawers, a bed frame, headboard and box spring, two raggedy chairs, a recliner chair, discarded clothing, children's toys, magazines and kitchen utensils, piles of coat hangers and house-hold debris of every description littered the place.

But the worst was the dog smell. In January Carl came to me and said

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he had taken his child to see a psychologist and the boy was depressed. Why was the child depressed? Because he did not have a dog. From the day they moved in I insisted Carl not have a dog. Cats were fine, almost any rodent or bird in a cage, but no dog.

Yet his story was so good: I was to blame for the child's anguish. So I allowed Carl to have a dog which he got from the San Francisco SPCA. They called to ask if I had, indeed, given permission for my tenant to have the puppy Carl had just selected, a wonderful animal they said, well behaved and friendly.

It was a pit bull and Carl named her Greta. She must have been the size of a small horse when she was born and only got bigger. She dug up the yard and sneaked onto my back porch (I live above and share the yard), chewed and ate a piece of the roof and ran off with one work shoe. I never did find it.

The dog was not house trained, but it was friendly. And anyone could pet her. However, this caused her to get so excited she messed the floor where she rolled. It was not until I opened the door for the first time after Carl had been gone a day or two that I realized the carpets would require professional cleaning.

The final bill I am sending Carl includes the cost of cleaning the

carpets, repairing the walls, dump fees and the ladder I gave him with which to change the light bulbs. It seems to have disappeared.

But I did not charge him for the damage to the bathroom. That was my fault. I know he won't pay. The good news for me, although it may not be good news for tenants, is there is a shortage of housing in San Francisco. It took two solid weeks of work before I felt it was time to show the place.

It turns out the loft style apartment has come into vogue since I last rented it. I had no difficulty when the time came, in fact was deluged with phone calls. Everyone loved it and all came with impeccable credentials. Most had their credit reports in hand and a good work history behind them.

But even though I explained to the couple I selected that the security deposit is exactly that, and not a last month of rent, all I can do is hope when the time comes for them to buy their own home they comply with our agreement.

And, no, they cannot have a dog. Do you wonder why?

H.W. Moss is a licensed real estate associate with TCO in San Francisco. He also writes fiction and has a website. You can visit him at <http://www.netnovels.com>.

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PACIFIC UNION

Califlora

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plants. Having a potted dwarf 'Improved Meyer' Lemon placed near the kitchen door gives a year-round supply of lemons for cooking.

I also keep a wine barrel near my front door with a number of herbs that I use in cooking. 'Tuscan Blue' Rosemary providing the vertical accent. Oregano and Thyme are the other two herbs producing the second planting level. The third level is ever-changing, for when I pick up any four inch pots for my garden I place them in the herb barrel until I choose a spot in which to plant them.

My rosemary is used at least once a week for rosemary potatoes. They are easy and very tasty. I put my potatoes in the microwave for three minutes, then cube them. In a frying pan I put enough olive oil to coat the pan and the potato cubes - then add chopped rosemary and fry the potatoes until they are golden brown. They

are a constant favorite in this house.

After planting and watering the pot well, I add a one inch layer of mulch - usually fine redwood mulch. This layer helps retain moisture in the pot. Pots need to be watered often - in the heat of the summer as much as two to three times a day and the mulch keeps my plants from wilting between waterings.

Flowing, billowing, trailing in masses of color, texture and aroma - pots can brighten a dark spot, add softness to hardscape or beautify an entrance, deck or patio. Creating pots for specific sites is almost akin to painting a picture. Once you start container planting you may not want to cut you ear off - but you and others will enjoy that spot of color each time you pass by.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

New law will help curb mailing abuse

A new property tax law will help curb abusive mass mailings to California homeowners. The recently passed legislation affects firms that solicit homeowners through the mail and offer to file assessment appeal applications or homeowner exemption claim forms.

These firms must now state that the mailing is not from a government agency and that a fee is not required to file an appeal or exemption. The law further stipulates that any fees charged may not be collected

until the application form has been filed.

Mass mailing firms are offering to do for a fee what property owners could do for themselves for free. These firms often use official-looking envelopes that often mislead property owners into thinking that letters originate from the local assessor.

The new legislation will help ensure that unsuspecting property owners understand that a fee is not required to file and receive a homeowner's exemption or to file an assessment appeal.

Ploss

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interesting lives there isn't much physical evidence of that. To have a truly artful home you have to be interested in visual things. Such an interest is a life long preoccupation.

Teamwork

A good architect and interior designer can create a very nice home but the same talent working with a visually sensitive and artistic owner can together create something at a much higher level. A fine home can be like a garden that grows visually as furnishings and accessories are added and subtracted.

The "layering" of furnishings over time can create spaces with a sensitivity that no designer or architect can achieve with a fixed design created in one sitting. In that sense a fine home design is the bones and structure of an artful home. But homes that are all architecture and are not furnished with sensitivity will always be somewhat more shallow and in-

sensitive than a personalized home.

A personal museum

The wonderful treat in visiting a fine home is spending the time with the owners in an environment that expresses their taste and ideas. Entering a home can be like entering a personal museum - be it elaborate and large or very simple and small.

With all of the bland but expensive corporate environments a residential space can be the ultimate in a personal statement. As to whether an artful home is high art or low art or if any such distinction exists might not be important.

Opening visual doors

The point is that the opportunity for self expression and self discovery through home design and furnishing is accessible to everyone almost without respect to budget. Opening the visual doors to design becomes a lifelong interest that continually evolves as our visual and artistic taste is always growing based on our interests, experiences and the influences of the vibrant society that we live in.

John Ploss is a San Francisco architect with 20 years experience who specializes in residential work. Call him at (415) 626-8790.

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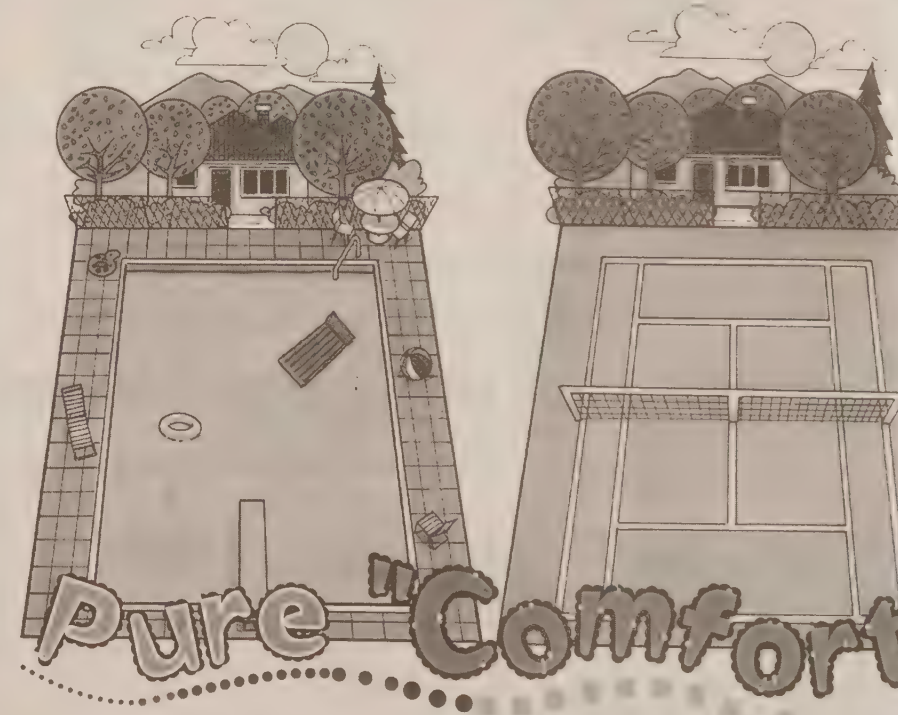
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\$189,000 912 E. 15th. Two-1 bedroom, 1 bath. PENDING

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San Leandro

\$182,000 14016 OUTRIGGER DR. 1st OPEN SUN. 2-4. Priced to sell! A 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo in a lovely complex. Two garage parking spaces, close to pool, includes complete spa and tennis court. Terry Lee 521-3352

\$185,500 14315 SEAGATE. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room. Fernside District. \$469,000. PENDING

\$195,000 13402 AURORA DR. Just listed! Mulford Gardens! Spacious 3 bd, 1 1/4 bath home located in a quiet neighborhood. Features include hardwood floors, and 2-car attached garage. Wonderful yard. Steve Cressy 814-4818

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El Cerrito

\$120,000 LOT 68 DEVONSHIRE. Prime lot! Breathtaking view of the Bay! Prestigious 4 bedroom home. Walk to Mira Vista Golf Course. Steve Cressy 814-4818

Pleasanton

\$310,000 7862 OAK CREEK DR. Split-level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with formal dining, family room and 2-car attached garage! Sunny backyard with deck and landscaping, close to shopping, great location. Marcia McIntyre 814-4827

\$460,000 2761 SANDERLING WAY. Very large 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with 1 bedroom and full bath on main level! Large kitchen & nook, formal dining, family room and dual pane windows. Great yard with pool, waterfall & spa. Linda Soulaiges 814-4843

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don't tie in at all with the
rooms of the house.

similar

rule of thumb to follow
making such alterations is to
be similar, if not mostly the
materials as the original part
of the house. Also, make sure any
materials tie in with the historic
style of the home. Once again, it
is important to consult with an interior
designer or an architect who has
experience with older residences.

One example of an effective
use of the above rules is in
the design of window design. If your
home has original "true di-
vided" latticed windows, then
you should definitely use only true
divided windows in any remodel or
renovation. The design of these win-
dows should also replicate, or at
least, the design of the original
windows.

Look at an older home whose
owner used tacky "fake divide"
windows with aluminum strips on
them to demonstrate the
value of this advice. Such
designed remodeling is not
architecturally correct,
and detracts from resale value.

Overdevelop
Overdevelopment is an area
where a large percentage of owners
make mistakes. In the enthusiasm
of remodeling a house, many owners decide to
spend large amounts of money into
the house, creating a

gourmet kitchen they saw in a
French chateau, or using the most
expensive marble for all the sinks in
their guest and master bathrooms.

The safest principle to follow in
deciding whether doing a certain
type of addition, or restoration, is
overdeveloping for your neighbor-
hood is to look carefully at other
similar-sized older homes that have
been sold recently in the same area
— what Realtors call "checking the
comparables."

Once you figure out what the
upper end of the market is for nearby
historic houses like yours, then sim-
ply be sure that the total amount of
money you put into your home, (i.e.
the purchase price plus the cost of
any improvements) does not ex-
ceed that upper limit.

Another factor owners of his-
toric homes often fail to consider
is cost overrun principle. As my
father used to say, "Everything
you want to get done will take
twice as long as you think it will."
And this is especially true for work
you want done on an older home.

Whether you do the work your-
self, or pay someone else to do it,
it will almost always take longer
than you planned. And since time
truly is money these days, that
means it will cost more than you
planned as well, usually by a fac-
tor of 50 to 100 percent. Anyone
who's done such work knows this
is true.

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New mortgage license removes loopholes

By H. W. Moss

A real estate broker's license is-
sued by the Department of Real
Estate was once all a mortgage bro-
ker needed to do business in this
state. Then, for a while there in the
late '80s, it looked as if the Califor-
nia Finance Lender (CFL) license
issued by the Department of Corpor-
ations (DOC) might supplant the
DRE license.

But the two sets of laws overlapped. Crooks holding both li-
censes were able to fend off investi-
gations into real estate fraud by
claiming the DRE had no jurisdic-
tion to examine their books since
they were operating under the
DOC's license. Then, when the
DOC came calling, the crooks
claimed it had no jurisdiction be-
cause they were operating under
the DRE license.

That sort of flim-flammy is no
longer possible with the DOC's new
Residential Mortgage Lender Li-
cense. Holders of the new license
are not required to have any other
licenses in order to make or service
federally related mortgage loans in
California although they may hold
both a real estate and CFL license.

The DRE defines mortgage
brokering as licensed activity, but
the two-year-old DOC license is an
alternative to DRE licensing.

A licensee may make an election
as to which license they want to be
under; there is no requirement that
if you get one, you drop the other.
Theoretically, a person or corpora-
tion may be licensed in three lend-
ing categories although that would
be somewhat redundant.

It is, however, an either/or situa-
tion. Licensees with both a DRE
and a DOC residential lender li-
cense must operate under the DOC
rules, not those of the DRE. And
in order to apply you must be a fed-
erally approved lender or servicer re-
cognized by the FHA, Fannie Mae,
VA, Freddie Mac, GNMA or a few
others.

The new license came into exist-
ence "because mortgage bankers
didn't quite fit into either the DRE

scheme of things or the CFL scheme
of things," according to DiAun
Burns, Special Administrator with
DOC in Los Angeles. The new li-
cense authorizes them "to make and
to service federally related mort-
gage loans as defined in RESPA."

Highly simplified, those loans
are for mortgages on single-family
to four-unit dwellings. There are
several advantages to having this
new license and at least one major
drawback.

The benefits include the fact that,
unlike DRE requirements, there is
no test to pass and every employee
need not be licensed. Although ex-
emptions exist for employees of
banks and S&Ls not required to
have a real estate license, anyone
arranging loans within a real estate
or mortgage brokerage did have to
be licensed by the DRE.

Another benefit is that lenders
with the new DOC license do not
need to have an office or physical
presence within the state. Every state
requires mortgage lenders to be
licensed or registered.

In some states, such as Arizona,
a mortgage broker must actually
have an office before they can leg-
ally make loans. As the Internet
brings online lenders from all over
the globe to a borrower's keyboard,
licensing requirements need to be
tightened or defined more clearly.

You must be licensed in Califor-
nia to solicit borrowers or lenders
or negotiate loans or collect pay-
ments or perform services for bor-
rowers, lenders or note holders in
connection with loans secured di-
rectly or collaterally by liens on real
property or a business opportunity
in this state.

The all-inclusive license for this
type of business activity was once a
California real estate broker's li-
cense. Recently, the DRE issued a
memo containing guidelines for
advertising on the Internet and cau-
tioned:

"If you are not properly licensed
in California, you may not solicit
California residents. To do so would
be considered conducting activity
for which a real estate license is

**Crooks holding both licenses were able to
fend off investigations claiming the DRE had
no jurisdiction. Then, when the DOC came
calling, the crooks claimed it had no
jurisdiction because they were operating
under the DRE license.**

required."

The new license from the DOC
satisfies the fuzziness created by
Internet mortgage solicitations. And
there is no limit on what types of
loans holders of the new DOC li-
cense may make and service.

"They're able to make basically
any type of real estate loan includ-
ing purchase money or first mort-
gages," said Ken Nagashima, with
the DOC in Los Angeles. "There is
not a requirement that they be sub-
prime or junior mortgages."

I said there's at least one draw-
back: That's the price. The new
license currently costs \$8,562. That
includes a \$900 application fee, a
\$100 investigation fee, \$62 finger-
printing per individual named on
the license and \$7,500 in a special

assessment to defray the cost of
operating the program.

By comparison, a real estate
broker's license from the DRE costs
\$285 to renew every four years.
The first 75 who received the new
license from the DOC saved \$2,500
because, until June 30, 1996, the
special assessment to defray the cost
of operating the program was only
\$5,000.

There are currently 192 Resi-
dential Mortgage licensees with 25
pending applications, according to
Burns.

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community as well as with the Berkeley Association of Realtors. He
serves as a board member for the Elmwood Theater Foundation, a non
profit group organized to save and restore the theater located in the
Elmwood neighborhood and is President of the Berkeley Public
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Is that fixer-upper a good deal?

Like all business propositions, buying rundown properties to fix up for profit is risky. So how can you make sure that a fixer-upper property is a good deal that will make you money and not be a losing proposition?

The first step is to find the right property. The right property is one that has upside potential and that doesn't have major structural prob-

three bedroom, two bath home with a family room.

Depending on the layout and overall condition of the property, the cost of the conversion might not be excessive. If there's a big price spread between two and three bedroom homes in the neighborhood, this could present an opportunity to make a reasonable profit.

Generally, the expansion projects

can move right in to without lifting a finger. Buyers pay a premium for homes that are in move-in condition. As long as the fix-up costs aren't unreasonable, you might be able to turn such a house around quickly and sell it for a profit.

The key to making money on a fixer project is to buy it for the right price. This means that you must know the market well. If you pay too much going in, you could suffer a loss rather than enjoy a profit when you sell.

You need to be an expert on local home values so that you can accurately project the approximate value of the fixer property after it's renovated. If you estimate too high a selling price and spend too much on the renovations, you could end up losing money on the project.

There's usually less risk of losing money in a rising market because market values in general are moving up. You'll earn appreciation while you're fixing up the property. But if the market turns down while you're renovating, you could very well lose money when you sell.

Part of buying at the right price is determining, before you go through with the purchase, how much the renovations will cost. If you miscalculate here, your profit will dwindle.

Be sure to have the property carefully inspected as a condition of the purchase. This way you reduce the

that make the most sense financially are those that can be done within the existing exterior walls. An exterior addition can be costly, particularly if it requires additional foundation work.

Another excellent candidate is a home that is decorated badly, at least by today's standards. Imagine 30 year old brown shag carpet, brown kitchen cabinets and appliances, garish wallpaper everywhere and heavy patterned drapes. A cosmetic rehab can often turn a house like this around.

Often a house with deferred maintenance is difficult to sell because most buyers want to buy a home they

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lems. Finding such a property is rarely easy.

Not all rundown properties are good fix-up candidates. A good prospect is a property that has limited appeal in its present condition. It must also have the potential to be transformed into a property with broad appeal at a cost that's reasonable.

For example, a two-bedroom, one bath home might not be in high demand if it's located in a neighborhood of mostly larger homes. But if the home has a sun room and a large basement in addition to the two bedrooms, it might be convertible to a

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chance of having to pay to fix unanticipated property defects.

Budgeting carefully and staying within your budget is critical to a successful project. This means finishing the project on time. In addition to the costs of renovation, you'll have to pay for the mortgage, property taxes and hazard insurance until the property resells. The costs of carrying a project a few extra months due to unanticipated delays can eat into profits.

If you have to cut corners to make the project financially worthwhile, it's probably not worth doing. Most buyers have properties carefully inspected before they buy. They often require that defective work be repaired as a condition of the sale. This could put your project into the red.

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109 Ironwood Rd. - \$233,000
121 Jervis Bay - \$358,000
1703 Moreland Dr. - \$240,000
3539 Norman Ln - \$239,000
162 Oak Park Dr - \$222,500
2056 Pacific Ave. - \$235,000
137 Parfait Ln - \$245,000
1111 Park St. - \$227,000
1228 Post St. - \$227,500
69 Sea - \$287,000
111 Sheffield Rd. - \$323,000
1542 Sherman St. - \$107,000
2101 Shoreline #414 - \$150,000
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950 Shorepoint #318 - \$148,000
955 Shorepoint Ct. - \$90,500
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1311 Webster #202 - \$136,000
20 Wellfleet Bay - \$390,000
1816 Wood St. - \$191,000

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926 Cerrito St. - \$198,000
1037 Cornell Ave. - \$105,000
1106 Cornell Ave. - \$300,000
1110 Cornell Ave. - \$240,000
1127 Garfield Ave. - \$290,000
535 Pierce St. #1108 - \$144,500
1015 Santa Fe Ave. - \$210,000
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BERKELEY
1315 Addison St. - \$181,000
2047 Berryman St. - \$201,000
1518 Blake St. - \$257,500
1705 Channing #2 - \$191,000
933 Channing Way - \$191,000
1846 Delaware St. #1 - \$191,000
1505 Holly St. - \$291,000
2325 Howe St. #1 - \$181,000
2800 Kelsey St. - \$481,000
2700 Le Conte Ave. - \$191,000
2645 Mathews St. - \$161,000
1198 Oxford St. - \$416,000
2619 Parker St. - \$420,000
1206 Peralta Ave. - \$330,000
639 San Fernando - \$391,000
1849 Shattuck #203 - \$81,000
2615 Telegraph #202 - \$191,000
70 Terrace Wk - \$600,000
1387 Virginia St. - \$152,000
2461 West St. - \$137,000

EL CERRITO
319 Carmel Ave. - \$215,000
2520 Nason Ave. - \$203,000
811 Pomona Ave. - \$221,000
6842 Portola Dr. - \$160,000
5356 Rosalind Ave. - \$291,000
7510 Stockton Ave. - \$311,000
7526 Stockton Ave. - \$291,000

EL SOBRANTE
895 Appian Knoll Ct. - \$191,000
830 Fulton Way - \$153,000

EMERYVILLE
Admiral Dr #B435 - \$101,000
4 Anchor Dr #241F - \$111,000

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

\$1,095,000 1269 GRANDVIEW DR. Claremont Hills. 3+1/3+ work of art! 5000sf. Fab GG & SF views! Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460

\$1,095,000 132 TAURUS. Montclair, 4+/3. Craftsmanship, quality, design. Vws of SF bay from all rms! Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer/Dick Cohen 339-6460

\$995,000 6170 MAZUELA DR. Montclair. 5bd/4ba. Gorgeous new construction. Stunning style! 3 frpl, kit/fam rm. Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

\$985,000 6301 ACACIA. Upper Rockridge. Beautiful New Mediterranean Villa! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 655-6165

\$895,000 5552 GOLDEN GATE. Upper Rockridge. Exquisite in every way! 4/2.5 Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Haldeh Chew 644-5422

\$895,000 6024 ASCOT DR. Piedmont Pines. One of a kind Hacienda. A treasure! 4+1/2/3.5. New on Market. LaSalle Properties, D. C. Hodges 339-8900

\$835,000 4 STRATHMOOR DR. Pano Bay & Canyon Views! 4+bd/3 1/2 ba. Flat Double Lot. J. H. Tarmar Company 465-5313 SUNDAY 1-4

\$829,000 6095 FAIRLANE. Montclair, new listing! 4+bd/3 mstr suites. 4.5ba. Hdws, gourmet kit. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

\$825,000 14 CHANCELLOR PL. New CA Med w/pano views! Pvt mstr suite. Sheltered entry court. Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

\$750,000 8 CHANCELLOR PL. Claremont Hills. 4+2.5 new view Med in bucolic setting. Wonderful space, finishes. Prudential CA, Colette Ford 849-5311

\$749,500 1123 CLARENDON CRES. Crocker, 4/4. New list! 1/4 acre. Grand LR, ballrm sized family rm. Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460

\$739,000 321 CREIGHTON WY. Best View in Town! Soaring ceiling, granite, hdwd, 2 flr, fab kit. More! Wells & Bennett, Michael Childress 531-7000

\$719,000 6350 CONTRA COSTA RD. Up Rockridge. 4bd/4b. Stunning. Custom. 2 mstr suites. LaSalle Properties, Carol Cohen 339-8900

\$669,000 13538 CAMPUS. Ridgmont, 4+/3. A gem! Wraparound decks, FDR, flr. Prof. Japanese Indscpg. Prudential CA, Caroline 845-0200/287-8856

\$625,000 6058 FAIRLANE AVE. Montclair. Nw 4/3 w/hills & some bay vw. Ideal floor plan. Hdws. The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

\$620,000 1070 ARDMORE AVE. Just listed! Landmark Mediterranean top of Crocker Highlands. 4+3/4. Approx 3,800 sq ft. Edward Bell RE 339-9398

\$610,000 2034 ASILOMAR DR. Montclair. Artistic contemp, parklike setting, gated entry. 3/2, FDR, GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

\$595,000 55 MANOR DRIVE. 4+bd/2 1/2 ba. Grand & very tired! FDR, den. Level lot. LaSalle Properties, Helen Nicholas 339-8900

\$585,000 6428 WESTOVER. Montclair sophisticate. Class, grass, glass! Canyon vws. 4/3.5, poss. aupair. Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174

\$539,000 6638 LONGWALK. 4+/3.5 w/family rm, 3 frpls, gourmet kit. SF view! 3000sf. A must see! Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461

\$529,000 701 ROSEMOUNT RD. Crocker, stately 4/3+ w/rumpus, FDR, EIK, 2-car garage. Special! The GRUBB Co, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

\$525,000 7237 SKYLINE BL. Montclair. Enjoy GG & canyon views! FDR, family room, mstr retreat. 3/2+ Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhard 339-1174

\$499,000 2211 PELHAM PL. Montclair. Over 1/2 acre of privacy. View. 3/2 and separate studio. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

\$499,000 3780 CLAREMONT AVE. Berk/Oak Hills. Absolutely private 3+2+. Adj. buildable lot. 1/2 bl to The Claremont. Prudential, Margo 223-8881

\$499,000 1048 HUBERT RD. Crocker, classic 4/4 Lg "great rm", remod kit, den, office, fam rm, deck. City vws. Gardn. GRUBB, James Garcia 339-0400

\$499,000 3600 BUTTERS DR. Joaquin Miller. 3bd/2+1/2. 1st open! Grt kit/family rm. Office, yard, Pacific Union, Kathleen Callahan 339-6460

\$489,500 5546 BALBOA RD. Montclair, 3bd/2.5 b trad w/bay vws. FDR, rumpus and plus room. The GRUBB Co, Helen Buty 339-0400

\$489,000 1915 ROSECREST DR. Upper Oakmore, 4+1/5. Just listed. Impeccable traditional. Big yd. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-8400

\$489,000 460 MODOC AVE. Upper Rockridge. 3/3 French Med on lg level site. Huge fam rm, LR w/11' ceiling. GRUBB Co, Connie Rogers 339-0400 SUNDAY 2-5

\$489,000 4241 WOOD DR. Montclair. 4bd/2b. Nw Listing! 1/4 ac retreat. Tiered front gardens. Lg rear yd. Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460

\$459,000 6009 AUBURN. Rockridge Brown Shingle. Enchanting. Loaded w/ craftsman details. Upgraded. Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

\$449,000 6135 SKYLINE BL. Montclair. 4bd/3 1/2 ba. A super buy! 3200+ sq.ft. Huge mstr bdrm. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

\$449,000 6611 LIGGETT. Montclair, stylish & spacious 4/3. Remod kit w/family rm. Remod ba. Yd w/hot tub. GRUBB Co, Judy Cain 339-0400

\$439,000 5981 RINCON DR. Montclair. 4/3 w/family rm, office, wkshop, slate patio, decks, The GRUBB Company, Debbi Di Maggio 339-0400

\$429,000 6010 BRUNS CT. Montclair, 4+bd/3ba. Walk across bridge to park, school, & village. LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 339-8900

\$429,000 2112 MANZANITA DR. Sea Ranch style. Park-like tranquil setting. 4bdms, 2 baths. The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

\$399,500 4314 HARBORD DR. Lovely 3bd/2ba on private drive. Fab patio/gdn. Quality EIK, hdws, rec. rm. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

\$399,000 5901 ASCOT DR. Piedmont Pines. Views from most rooms! 3/2 incl mstr suite. The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

\$399,000 13606 CAMPUS DR. Ridgmont contemporary, lg lot, canyon vws, mstr suite, family rm. GRUBB Co, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

\$398,000 432 HUDSON ST. Rockridge classic bungalow. Nw Listing! Hdws, fab mstr suite. Nw kit/baths. Indscpg. Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

\$392,000 4224 WILSHIRE BL. Mormon Temple area. 4bd/3ba. Grt family hm w/spectacular separate office or potential in-law. Many amenities. Must See! Rowe Investments, Barry Rowe 839-4395

\$389,000 6646 HEATHERIDGE WY. 2 yrs old. Close to village. 3+2.5. Formal LR & DR. Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 601-9540

\$375,000 5578 TAFT. Rockridge, 2+bd/2ba. Charming craftsman, great street. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

\$369,000 5935 BALBOA DR. Montclair, 3/2+. Come look & compare! Granite & cherrywood. LaSalle Properties, Nick Lavrov 339-8900 SUNDAY 2-5

\$369,000 7383 SARON DR. Montclair. 3/2 1/2. Fabulous. Spacious. Lg level yd. Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

\$365,000 2749-51 26TH AVE. Fruitvale. 3/1 1/2 +2bd triplex. Home & plus investment. Prudential CA 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212

\$365,000 1717 INDIAN WAY. Montclair, 3/3 on quiet court. Canyon vws. Wraparound deck, unfinished bonus rm. Prudential CA, Gail 332-0900 SUNDAY 1-5

\$365,000 9960 GOLF LINKS RD. 4/2 1/2 on pvt drive. View of the Bay! Lg LR & family rms. A must see! Gallagher & Lindsey, Debbie Budd 748-1806

\$349,000 48 EASTWOOD CT. Montclair. First Open! 4 1/2 yd contemp. 2454 sq ft. Private. Nice! LaSalle Properties, Kate Castle 339-8900

\$347,000 5935 ALHAMBRA AVE. Montclair, 4bd/2.5 ba. New listing. Vaulted ceiling. Gazebo eating area. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

\$339,000 6608 SOBRANTE. Montclair. Beautifully updated 3bd/2ba home Prudential CA RE, Vickie & Aleso 428-0900

\$339,000 6074 JOHNSON DR. Montclair. Just listed! Spacious, airy 3+2.5 contemp on cul-de-sac. 2 frpl. Templeton Co, Gini Eric 652-2133 X133

\$330,000 3708 VICTOR AV. Redwood Hts. Bright/sunny 3/2. Lots of storage. Great location. Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300

\$326,000 4493 MONTGOMERY. Rockridge, 2bd/2.5ba. Charming Brown Shingle on cul-de-sac. Move in! Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

\$320,000 4415 TERRABELLA. 3/2.5 w/bay view! New paint & new carpet. Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, D.A. Hammond 869-4219

\$319,000 6966 SHEPHERD CANYON. Montclair. Spacious & stylish 3+2. New Listing! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Lauren Chou 898-9435

\$319,000 733 RAND AVE. GrandLake, gracious 2-story 3+1/4 trad'l. Frpl, wd flrs, garden. Nr all! Red Oak RE 527-3387 X105, Steve 524-4464

\$318,500 4383 TERRABELLA. 3bd/2+ba great Montebello Terrace home Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

\$315,000 4039 CANON AVE. 1st time open! 3bd/1.5 ba. Open, sunny, and charming Glenview home. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

\$315,000 4021 MIDVALE. Upper Laurel. Spacious custom 5/3 remodel. Large level yd. View. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-8400

\$310,000 6690 PINE NEEDLE DR. Montclair, 3bd/3ba contemporary. Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

\$308,000 330 ELYSIAN FIELDS. 3/2 in Oakland Hills. Sunny 1 level w/family rm, yard, security system. Coldwell Banker, Ellen Lancaster 339-1174

\$299,500 4521 MONTGOMERY ST. Reduced to under market value. See motivated! Lovely 2/2.5 twbhm nr Rockridge/Piedmont Ave shops Wells & Bennett, Jay Bhimani 531-7000 X289

\$299,000 5754 COLTON BL. Montclair 2+bd/1ba. Charming & light. New hdws, lg level yd. Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

\$299,000 5883 ASCOT DR. Montclair, 2+1/2. Pano SF Bay view. 1/2 + 1/2 lot in Piedmont Pines. Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

\$299,000 3761 VICTOR AVE. Redwood Hts, 3bd/2ba. 1st Open! Pano Bay Hdws, updt kit, sunroom. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

\$299,000 7255 SARONI DR. Montclair, 4/2.5. Take another look - Refresh Needs cosmetics. Contemporary, upslope, level side yard Richardson RE 433-9996, Jackie Carter 632-2539

\$299,000 6535 VALLEY VIEW DR. Montclair, dramatic 3/2 contemp. Rec. & room to develop. The GRUBB Co, Nancy Lehrkind 339-0400

\$299,000 3313 BURDECK. Woodsy retreat! 2/2 plus nonconforming suite & separate entry. Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174

\$299,000 38 CONRAD CT. Montclair, 2+bd/1ba. New listing! Charming ss Remod kit, brick patio, bonus rm. Pacific Union, Donna Costello 339-6460

\$295,000 49 ASILOMAR CIR. Montclair, 2+bd/1+1/2 ba. Bay views. Large lot. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

\$289,000 2724 MOUNTAIN BL. Montclair, 3/2 pristine all level trad'l. Grt space. Lots of storage. Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

\$289,000 1778 PLEASANT VALLEY. Piedmont Ave area. Price reduced! Needs offer! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Rose Jellison 644-5422

\$289,000 5370 MILES. Rockridge. New listing! Classic 3/1 1/2 trad'l. Hdws, fenced yd w/deck. Walk BART, markets. Bay Area Properties 489-4600

\$285,000 51 SPYGLASS HILL. Hiller Highlands gem! New listing. Bay w/Rear patio. Elevator. Wells & Bennett, David Stone 531-7000 X289

\$284,000 74 SEQUOYAH VIEW DR. 3/2 in Oakland Hills. Decks, yard, pool for entertaining. FDR or fam rm. Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

\$279,000 2692 CAMINO LENADA. Montclair, 3+2 P.Pines contemp. FDR, updt EIK. Walk shops/park. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

\$275,000 1328 E. 38TH ST. Charm & quality. Glenview 3bd bungalow. FDR, hdwd, flr, pnt. Yd. Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174

\$259,000 4021 BARNER. Lincoln Hts, sweet 2 1/2 + 1/2 bungalow. Charm, attract Grt backyard. LaSalle Properties, Vickie Chan Chase 339-8900 X240

\$250,000 2355 TIFFIN. Oakmore, 3bd/1.5ba w/charm. Convenient location! Lovely yd. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

\$249,000 59 SERENO CIR. Redwood Hills, 2/2. Nw listing! Breath-taking view twbns. Frpl, decks, patio. Pacific Union, Roselle Woods 339-6460

\$249,000 2931 BURDECK DR. Joaquin Miller, 2+1/2 delightful cottage. W/ Pvt sunny deck. Cozy LR w/flr. Prudential CA, Nancy Tausig 524-4464

\$235,000 7110 HOMEWOOD. Montclair, 2/1 nestled in the trees. Hdws, deck. Prudential CA Realty, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

\$219,000 3218 MADELINE ST. Laurel, 2+1. New listing! Remod kit w/bay area, FDR, hdws. Charm! Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

\$199,000 3719 LAUREL AVE. Load of room! 3bd/1ba. Laurel district Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Jim Forquer 869-4263

\$183,500 3857 MADRONE. New listing! Cheerful 2 1/2 + 1/2 add'l 1/1 den Grt nighbrhd. Fab price! Wells & Bennett, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

\$179,000 472 CAVOUR. Rockridge, 3bd/1.5ba, sunny, hdwd floors, yard Prudential CA Realty, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

\$165,000 3616 WISCONSIN ST. Laurel. Cute 2bd/1ba. Plus nonconforming studio unit. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

\$165,000 4401 ALLENDALE. Maxwell Pk, 2+1/4 split level Med. Hdws, wkshop, covered patio. Prudential CA 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-5000 SUNDAY 2-5

\$162,500 388 SANTA CLARA AVE #106. Sunny corner unit. Optional 2nd home office. Walk shops/transp. Gadsby & Assoc., Paula 748-5300

\$159,900 3021 RAWSON SST. Maxwell Park 2bd/1b. Sunny, spacious w/ Hdws, hot tub, pvt yd. Prudential CA RE, Greg Gayle 869-4774

\$159,000 18 VETERANS WY. Fixer upper. Contractor's special. Needs mtrp TLC. Charming storybook tudor. "AS IS" sale only. Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174



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6350 Contra Costa - \$635,000
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 525 Mandana #402 - \$185,000
 6054 Mazuela Dr - \$835,000
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 6826 Melumme - \$103,000
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SAN LEANDRO
 846 Arthur Ave. - \$153,000
 15628 Atlantis Ave. - \$326,500

259 Beverly Ave. - \$179,000
 577 Broadmoor Bl - \$205,000
 1349 Burkhardt Ave. - \$185,000
 757 Cary Dr - \$265,000
 495 Castro St. - \$148,000
 2482 Cheshire Ct. - \$170,000
 1442 Church Ave. - \$188,000
 992 Dowling Bl - \$245,000
 573 Durant Ave. - \$136,000
 716 Elsie Ave. - \$215,000
 738 Elsie Ave. - \$183,500
 123 Farrelly Dr - \$177,500
 14445 Flagship St. - \$175,000
 15394 Inverness St. - \$205,000
 1593 Marybelle Ave. - \$139,000
 16275 Miramar Pl - \$180,000
 1666 Pacific Ave. - \$174,000
 2212 Regatta Way - \$273,000
 16514 Russel Ct. - \$222,000
 14415 Seagate Dr - \$190,500
 514 Superior Ave. - \$138,000
 1460 Thrush #38 - \$103,000
 713 Victoria Ave. - \$158,500
 1537 Wainwright - \$148,000
 16056 Wellington - \$163,000
SAN LORENZO
 1558 George Way - \$245,000
 1361 Jacqueline Pl - \$115,000
 15848 P. Del Campo - \$130,000
 661 Paseo Del Rio - \$180,000
 17737 Via Arroyo - \$172,500
 17370 Via La Jolla - \$160,000
 1338 Via La Paloma - \$210,000
 17006 Via Perdido - \$165,000
 15856 Via Seco - \$189,000
 17150 Via Toledo - \$169,500
 77 Via Verde - \$177,000
 17625 Wickman Pl - \$115,000

SALES STATS BY CITY
ALAMEDA
 TOTAL SALES: 25
 LOWEST PRICE: \$90,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$483,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$237,380
ALBANY
 TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$300,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$217,187
BERKELEY
 TOTAL SALES: 20
 LOWEST PRICE: \$85,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$262,450
EL CERRITO
 TOTAL SALES: 7
 LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$319,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$230,357
EL SOBRANTE
 TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$153,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$151,500
EMERYVILLE
 TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$435,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$203,666
KENSINGTON
 TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$140,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$429,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$298,666
OAKLAND
 TOTAL SALES: 3

LOWEST PRICE: \$82,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$835,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$259,753
PIEDMONT
 TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$415,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$755,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$585,000
RICHMOND
 TOTAL SALES: 23
 LOWEST PRICE: \$83,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$299,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$162,173
SAN LEANDRO
 TOTAL SALES: 27
 LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$326,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$186,870
SAN LORENZO
 TOTAL SALES: 12
 LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$245,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$169,000

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

2486 COLE ST, Maxwell Park. 2+1/1, well maintained, darling starter. View of hills. Nice yd. Richardson RE, Georgia 433-9996/569-3499
2915 EASTMAN ST, Laurel, 2+bd/1b. Nw listing! Charming bungalow w/hdws, fm office. Landscaped. Pacific Union, Diane McCan 339-6460
3900 ALTMONT, Seminary, Charming 2/1 cottage w/artist's studio in yard. Corner lot. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400
8485 GOLF LINKS, 2+bd/1 1/2ba secluded & private. Lg bonus rm. Storage. Parklike yd. Prudential CA 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217
2342 27TH AVE, Tastefully renovated 2bd/1ba. Open wood stove. Wood floors. Sunny back yd. By Owner 533-6168 SUNDAY 1-5
3301 HIGH ST, 2bd/1ba duplex w/studio on side. Move in condition! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Dollie Hensen 869-4255
3240 NICOL AVE, Lower Laurel, Cute 2/1 cottage on double lot w/ creek. Back on Market. Prudential CA, Dolores Thom 763-1710
2633 HAROLD, Diamond district. 2/1 w/bright kit, FDR. Sep lot with lemon trees, det'd gar. "As Is". Harbor Bay RE, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2-4
2544 65TH AVE, Charming. 2bd/1ba. Hdwd floors. Move in condition. Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Collie Henson 869-4255
4976 FAIRFAX AVE, Maxwell Park 2/1. Great starter. Nw roof. Lg back yd w/patio. Prudential CA RE 845-0200, Kai Curtis 452-6277
30 BEECHWOOD, Claremont Pines, elegant 4/3.5 w/spacious & light-filled rms. Fab level property. GRUBB CO, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

BERKELEY ***OPEN SUNDAY***

25 EUCALYPTUS, Remarkable remodel w/bay wvsl 4/4.5, den, lg sun rm, fm. Elegance! Templeton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-5
4 STRATHMOOR DR, Pano Bay & Canyon Views! 4+bd/3 1/2 ba. On flat double lot. J. H. Tarmen Company 465-5313 SUNDAY 1-4
689 SANTA ROSA, Prime Thousand Oaks location! 4/3 1/2 English Tudor w/FDR, remod kit, garden. Walk Solano Ave. Coldwell Banker Kim Marienthal 835-6154 SUNDAY 2-5
1117 EUCLID, Berkeley 2+bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
1041 MILLER AVE, 3+3 classic Berkeley home. SF bay/GG wv. Lg lot. 1800sqft lot. Rare find! Prudential CA 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239 SUNDAY 2-4:30

1524 ARCH, Berkeley, 4bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
928 HILLDALE, Pano bay view graces beautiful 3/2 w/flex flr plan. FDR, 2 frpl, grt yd. Red Oak RE 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 1-4
1555 BEVERLY PLACE, 3bd/1.5 ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
169 AVENIDA DR, Top of Berkeley Hills. Bridge/bay viewed! Charming 3bd/1.5ba. Decks. Garage. Ideal hm office. Quiet. Secluded. Peaceful. Agent 837-7111, Owner 841-1428 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 3-5

1060 PAGE @10TH, Two houses, one lot Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
1206 JOSEPHINE, Attractive 3bd bungalow. FDR, flr, deck & big garden. Templeton Co, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 SUNDAY 2-4:30
1400 CALIFORNIA, Berkeley 3bdm/1.5 bath Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
1400 QUEENS, 3bd/1 1/2ba bay view flwr. Prudential CA RE 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232 SUNDAY 2-4:30
2646 REGENT ST, New Listing! 4/1.5 2-story trad'l. 1 of 2 homes on deep lot. Delivered as legal condo as close of escrow. Nr UC/shops. Red Oak RE, Billy 527-3387 X185 SUNDAY 2-4:30
1200 OXFORD, 2bd/2ba. Bonus space, decks. Great floor plan! Thornwall Properties, Helen Popplewell 848-1950 X233 SUNDAY 2-4
1505 JUANITA, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
1269 CAMPUS DR, New Listing! Polished hill cottage w/fine garden site. 2bd, screened porch, garage, basement, hardwoods, & fireplace. Tarpoff & Talbert, Anet Tarpoff 653-2050 SUNDAY 2-4

1383 ROSE ST, 2/1 that radiates elegance, comfort, & quality! Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
910 COLUSA AVE, Rare twbhm: 2/1.5. 1/2 blk to The Solano: Peets, bistores, shops, etc. Red Oak RE, Tom 527-3387 X104 SUNDAY 2-4
1021 CEDAR ST, Ocean View. Beautiful 3/1 w/oak & fir floors. Remod kit, upgrades, grt yd. Prudential CA 834-2010, D. Rizzeto 433-7042 SUNDAY 2-4:30
1287 FRANCISCO ST, 2/2 No.Berk. bungalow. Recently renovated. Att'd gar. Fenced backyd. Prudential CA, Barbara Hopper 635-4839 SUNDAY 2-4:30
2741 GARDNER #5, 1bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
1817 62ND ST, Abv MLK. Beautiful 2+1/1+ crfsmn. 2 frpls, hdwds, nw foundation/plumbing. Value! Prudential CA 845-0211, Cynthia 898-9442 SUNDAY 2-4:30
1333 66TH ST, 3bd gardener's paradise! Upgrades galore. Gourmet kit. Hdwd. Mint. Opportunity! Red Oak, Diane 527-3387 X209 SUNDAY 2-4:30
2612 MATHEWS, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
2636 REGENT, Lovely 1920's condo. 1bd, fireplace, wood details. Thornwall Properties, Francesca LoPorto 848-1950 X222 SUNDAY 2-4
1814 BLAKE, 1bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Joan Barnett 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
DANVILLE *OPEN SUNDAY 2-4*****
1143 TROWBRIDGE WAY, Come One/Come All! Bettencourt Ranch Dr. 4/3 w/3 frpl. 3-car garage. Rolling hills view. For more info call Bill Bissett, Gallagher & Lindsey 748-1777

EL CERRITO ***OPEN SUNDAY***

1769 WALNUT, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
651 CLAYTON, 3bdm/1.5bath Coldwell Banker, Pat Brennan 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
7009 CUTTING, El Cerrito 2bd/1.5 ba with great view! Prudential CA Realty 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4
729 ELM ST, Bi-level 2bdm nestled in the trees. Hdwds, Wedgewood stove, laundry off att'd garage. Large deck & landscaped garden. Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Barbara Kaplan 273-9700 SUNDAY 2-4
7105 FAIRMOUNT AVE, Convenient, spacious, cute 2/1+1, hdwds, FDR, brfst nk, remod bath. Nr BART, shops. Marvin Gardens 527-9111 Herman Sun 466-5842 SUNDAY 2-4
5626 LUDWIG, Just Listed! 2bdm. Beautiful garden. Nr Poinsett Park. Won't last/hurry! Berkeley Hills RE, Terese 524-1700 X11 SUN 2-4

EL SOBRANTE ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4***

1509 SOLITUDE, Tri-level 3/2 1/2. Tile kit overlooks garden. Fresh paint. Park vistas. Marvin Gardens, Denyse Blagi 273-9508

KENSINGTON ***OPEN SUNDAY***

368 COVENTRY, Light & bright 4/2. Decks. Random plank wood flrs. View. Garden. Red Oak RE 527-3387, Amy X176 SUNDAY 2-4
338 BERKELEY PARK BL, 2+bd/2ba. Bay views. Huge garden! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Erika Celestre 849-5307 SUN 2-4:30

PIEDMONT ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

79 HAZEL LN, English country trad'l in center of town. 4/2+. Private & tranquil. The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
245 ESTATES, Contemporary w/spectacular bay views from all rooms! Gorgeous 4bdm. Move right in! The GRUBB CO, Karen Starr 339-0400
66 HAMPTON RD, 4/5+ in central location. Lg level patio & garden. Rec rm, den, auipal suite. Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460
236 SCENIC AV, Swirling verandah w/fab views! Vintage craftsman is exquisite & grand! The GRUBB CO, Donald Grubb Jr 339-0400
196 SANDRINGHAM, Elegant executive 3bd/3.5 bath home Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Michele Kempkes 898-9404

334 EL CERRITO AVE, Beautifully designed & maintained! 4/2.5 level out to garden. Lg family rm. The GRUBB CO, Jean Simmons 339-0400
18 LITTLEWOOD DR, Dramatic 3/3 contemporary. Private setting. Grt kitchen, tv/family room. The GRUBB CO, Jeanette Roach 339-0400
180 MOUNTAIN AV, Lovely w/gorgeous detail. Hdws, unique crown mouldings, blt-ins, frpl. 4/1.5. The GRUBB CO, Linda McClain 339-0400
220 RAMONA AVE, 3bd/3ba w/hdwd floors, rumup rm, 2 decks. Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722
117 GREENBANK AVE, Elegant 3/2.5. Den/study, hdwds. Patio & garden. Nr schools/transp. The GRUBB CO, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400
300 PACIFIC AVE, Split level 3/2.5. Office w/closet. Dining area w/ access to brick patio. The GRUBB CO, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
316 MAGNOLIA AVE, New listing! 3bd/1 1/2 ba. FDR, hdwds, level. Walk to schools. LaSalle Properties, Hal Castle 339-8900
27 OLIVE AVE, 2+bd/3ba in lovely serene setting. Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Margaret Boyer 869-4248
1135 HARVARD, Piedmont charmer! New listing! Sunny 2/1 Med w/ hdwds, garden, patio. Coldwell Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174

RICHMOND ***OPEN SUNDAY***

6262 BERNHARDT, R. View. 4bd/3ba super large home w/views Prudential CA Realty 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4
6510 HAZEL, Richmond/EC Hills! New listing! 4/2. Charm. Bay vws. Pvt cozy yd. Templeton, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 SUN 2-4:30
3320 SOUTHRIDGE, Hilltop, 3bd/2 1/2 ba. Over 2500 sq ft Prudential CA Realty, Jean 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4
5849 MCBRIDE, R. View. Bay views. Move in Condition! 3bd/2 remod baths. Deck. Spa. Lg level yd. Pest clearance. 2-car garage. Storage. Security Pacific, Cynthia Burke 800-262-0949 SUNDAY 1-4
515 VISTA HEIGHTS, R. View. 2+2/5 w/sweeping vws of Wildcat canyon. Decks, 2-car gar. Pool. Red Oak 527-3387 X103 SUNDAY 2-4
1701 VISTA HEIGHTS, R. View. 2/1.5 overlooking Wildcat Cyn! Frpl, huge mstr. Pool/tennis. Red Oak RE, Judy 527-3387 X114 SUN 2-4
2421 CARLSON BL, R. Annex. Good starter. Clean 2/1 w/frpl, w/w carpets, DR, garage, laundry, yd. Jim Furuchi 527-4663 SUNDAY 2-4
5221 TEHAMA, Cozy 2+bd split level bungalow. Rm for office. Hdwd flrs. Park-like backyd. Prudential CA, Erma 527-9800 SUNDAY 2-4

SAN LEANDRO ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4***

1762 CLARKE, Beautiful Spanish Med w/tile roof. Split level. 2+bd, 1 1/2 ba, plus separate studio. Excellent condition Manhattan Real Estate, Lee 444-5300 SUNDAY 2-4:30
14016 OUTRIGGER DR, 1st open! 2/2.5 priced to sell! Lovely condo complex. 2 pkg spaces. Pool. Harbor Bay, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUN 2-4
2343 FAIRWAY, Very Nice Condo! 3/2. LR w/bam ceilings & nw cpt. Nw hdwds in dining area & kit. Storage. Carport + extra parking space. Gallagher & Lindsey, Mary Corder 748-1792 SUNDAY 2-4

WALNUT CREEK OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

2172 STEWART AVE, Great Ridge 4/3 hsm on 1/3 acre. 3200 sq ft. Large room. Aupair or in-law. GRUBB CO, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400

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Entrees include Jamaican jerk chicken, Lambda fried fish and sexy rice, Barbados Cou Cou (corn meal with okra and fish), vegetarian delights and other specialties. Toss in a tropical drink, a Caribbean atmosphere and before you know it, you're on island time.

Owner Andre Taylor explains, "I strive to keep my prices affordable and feed you like Mom and Pop did - hearty food, generous portions." Caribbean Spice also is a social lounge featuring live dance music on Tuesday and Saturday. Say Mon, it's time you try something new!

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The restaurant has a truly elegant yet friendly and inviting atmosphere. Come join us and experience a delectable meal or just stop by and enjoy live music Thursday-Saturdays evenings, or weekday Happy Hour specials. Banquet

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Sergio's Trattoria

5299 College Ave. - Oakland
(510) 655-2869

Dining is only part of what makes Sergio's such an outstanding restaurant. The waiters help customers determine which entree will please the individuals' palate. Patrons have learned to rely on the waiters' recommendations. Seafood, pasta, chicken, meat, even wild boar plus daily specials are featured. Waiters provide a detailed description of the specials ... astounding, considering how vivid and detailed these descriptions can be.

Italian born owner, Sergio, feels his food is extra pleasing because, "It's prepared with extra amore." Recently redecorated, Sergio's Trattoria is more inviting than ever. Dine inside, or outdoors in the heated patio.

The easy listening Italian background music adds a touch of romance to the intimate setting. Live music on week-ends. Wheelchair accessible, and soon to come Braille menus. Reservations recommended. Banquet facilities for small groups available. Great place for a graduation celebration. Dining at Sergio's is truly an authentic Italian experience.

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Venezia continues to improve with age. For 18 years, the restaurant has been serving wonderful Italian food. Now under the able hand of chef Steven Farmer, the flavors of old Italy continue to emanate from the kitchen. Few restaurants still make fresh pasta, but Venezia makes virtually all its pasta

daily. A new weekly menu keeps things fresh and the wine list still offers many terrific but affordable Italian wines. And, of course, the decor is still enchanting, with its floor to ceiling murals, clothesline dangling overhead, and bubbling fountain in the center of the room. The

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Judging will be based on Americana appeal of the apple treat. Ten finalists will need to bring their apple creations to the celebration on the Fourth of July.

Send entries to: All American Apple Bake-Off, Jack London Square Marketing, 530 Water Street - 3rd Floor, Oakland, CA 94607. One entry per household. Deadline June 19, 1998. Grand Prize Winner: Two round trip tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines travels within the continental United States. For more information call Catherine deWitt (510) 208-4646.

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Coen Bros. Fest: Raising Arizona..... 6 p.m.

Suicide Kings..... 9 p.m.

(U) Snatra Tribute: Manchurian Candidate..... 7 p.m.

(U) Mercury Rising..... 9:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Snatra Tribute: Manchurian Candidate..... 3 p.m.

(U) Coen Bros. Fest: Raising Arizona..... 3:30 p.m.

Coen Bros. Fest: Raising Arizona..... 6 p.m.

Suicide Kings..... 9 p.m.

(U) Snatra Tribute: Manchurian Candidate..... 7 p.m.

(U) Mercury Rising..... 9:45 p.m.

WILL THE THRILL presents Arizona Rising..... 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

(U) Suicide Kings..... 3 p.m.

(U) Suicide Kings..... 3:30 p.m.

Coen Bros. Fest: Raising Arizona..... 6 p.m.

Suicide Kings..... 9 p.m.

(U) Snatra Tribute: Pal Joey..... 7 p.m.

(U) Mercury Rising..... 9:45 p.m.

MON., TUES., JUNE 8 & 9

Coen Bros. Fest: Hudsucker Proxy..... 6 p.m.

Suicide Kings..... 9 p.m.

(U) Snatra Tribute: From Here to Eternity..... 7 p.m.

(U) Mercury Rising..... 9:45 p.m.

WED., THURS., JUNE 10 & 11

Coen Bros. Fest: Hudsucker Proxy..... 6 p.m.

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An amazing piece of machinery

By Arnold and Marion Wechter

If you want a glimpse of tomorrow's automobile, look no further than the brochures of the 1998 super luxury cars. We're not talking about electric- or fuel-cell-powered vehicles. They're years away from the common man, but the features on cars like BMW's 750iL are here today. They only wait for prices to drop and they'll be on your car in the future.

You only have to look at the past to see automotive advances that once were exclusive to luxury vehicles. In many of today's low- and medium-priced vehicles: disc brakes, ABS, and side airbags, to name a few.

BMW 750iL is an amazing piece of machinery — and it should be with a base price tag of \$91,320. It is a given that a car in this price range will ride and handle superbly and the engine will be smooth and powerful. It is the features that set it apart from more mundane vehicles.

The 750iL is the flagship of BMW's Seven Series. Also offered are the 740i and 740iL, both featuring a 4.4-liter V-8 engine. The L stands for long wheelbase.

All three, like a majority of luxury cars are rear drive models.

It takes three pages of single space typing to list all of the standard features. Stability control, parking distance control, multi information display incorporating controls for audio system, multi-function clock, automatic ventilation system, and onboard computer are among the most important offered.

Stability control and BMW's Head Protection System (HPS) are in our belief the next important safety features to become more common on future midsize and entry-level luxury cars.

The 750iL features a new stability control system, which BMW calls DSC III. It employs a variety of sensors, plus new electronic logic, to help stabilize the vehicle under critical cornering and accident-avoidance circumstances.

BMW pioneered side-impact airbags in the Prestige Sedan segment in 1996, and the new HPS increases the side-impact protection for the driver as well as the front-seat passenger.

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It takes three pages of single-space typing to list all of the standard features on BMW's 750iL, a look at this car is truly a glimpse of tomorrow's automobile.

Scrappy or luxurious, GMC means trucks

DRIVE, SHE SAID

By Denise McCluggage

While makers of minivans and SUVs vie to be "car-like," whether in description of the ride or ease of handling, at least one manufacturer is proud to be all truck. GMC will have you know it makes trucks, and only trucks that are strong and capable.

This does not mean that GMC turns its strong back on luxury. No indeed. The General Motors truck division is out to show the world it can be all truck, and still have a sensitive side.

GMC has had a SUV since 1936 — before the term "sport utility vehicle" was invented. Its popular jumbo-size Suburban has been hauling cargo most of this century.

But a bunch of strangers from the car building busi-

ness have been climbing over the fence into GMC territory. Nothing like popularity to draw competitors. There's nothing like the popularity of SUVs. Since 1992, the market has grown by 400 percent. This influx of new players has left GMC with a need to reestablish a firm identity.

Some of that struggle has come at home fighting for a place at the family dinner table with other General

Motors divisions. Like the sole blue-collar worker in a family of upwardly mobile snobs, GMC has had to elbow its siblings from time to time as a reminder.

After all, even its popular Suburban is shared with Chevrolet, so the truck maker has to fight for differentiation. With Roy S. Roberts, general manag-

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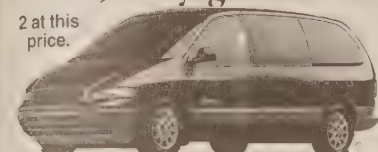
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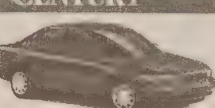
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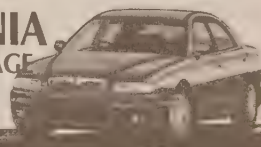
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1940 Mercury turns life-long fantasy into reality

CLASSIC CLASSICS

By Vern Parker

Steve Dawkins drove a used 1946 Ford during his high school days in Ridgewood, N.J., but he wished it were a Mercury.

Mercury had been introduced in 1939 by Ford's Lincoln Division to do battle against General Motors' Oldsmobile and Buick, but had its momentum cut short by World War II.

"It's been my dream car for years and years," Dawkins said. Even though he had only seen it in photographs, he knew the unseen car intimately. He knew it was the most expensive Mercury model in 1940: the convertible sedan cost \$1,212, a convertible coupe was \$1,079, the town sedan, \$987, a two-door coupe, \$978, and the two door sedan, \$946.

Dawkins knows the car weighs 3,138 pounds, the heaviest of all the 1040 Mercury models. He knows his "holy grail" is four inches longer than a 1940 Ford and

in Key West, Fla., last August, he saw an ad offering his dream car for sale. The ad included a tiny photo that further enticed Dawkins and when he saw the car was in Naples, Fla., the decision was made for him. He told his wife, Jane, of his discovery, and knowing it was his dream car, she encourage him to go for it.

He flew to Naples and was met by retired Dr. Mason Seibel who had restored the Mercury. Dawkins knew what to look for and thoroughly inspected the car. He found zero rust under the car



Dawkins' dream weighs 3,138 pounds, the heaviest of all the 1040 Mercury models. His "holy" is four inches longer than a 1940 Ford and rides on a 116-inch wheelbase with a 239-cubic flathead V-8 engine that generates 95 horsepower.

Many models passed before his eyes while he worked at the dealership. But he never saw one particular model, the one he considered then and considers today the holy grail of Mercurydom, the rarest of the rare: a 1940 Mercury convertible sedan.

Even so, the teenage Dawkins was enamored with Mercurys. In 1951, his father had bought a Mercury that elevated him — in his son's eyes — to "cool" status.

The Mercury-obsessed teenager even got a job at the Ken Smith Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Ridgewood starting in 1953. As a lot boy, he mainly polished cars and eventually worked his way up to mechanic in 1955.

Countless Mercurys of many models passed before his eyes while he worked at the dealership. But he never saw one particular model, the one he considered then and considers today the holy grail of Mercurydom. To him, it's the rarest of the rare, a 1940 Mercury convertible sedan. Only 978 were produced and not one came to Ridgewood.

he knows it rides on a 116-inch wheelbase. It has a 239-cubic-inch flathead V-8 engine that generates 95 horsepower.

There's not much he doesn't know about the 1940 Mercury convertible sedans except for a Communist mystery. Besides the 978 cars produced in the United States, another 105 were supposedly produced in 1940 on a Ford assembly line in Bucharest, Romania. The factory was never reopened after World War II. Reports have surfaced that "knock down" assembly units for 105 of these Mercurys were shipped to Russia in 1940. The trail ends there.

Dawkins resigned himself to the fact he was never going to even see his dream car. Then, while on vacation

with perfect rocker panels and, incredibly, all four fenders were new. The blue dashboard was new, along with the impossible-to-find plastic trim pieces on the dash.

Even the two ribs on each of the four bumper guards and the required red stripe were there. The chrome "Mercury Eight" was on each side of the engine hood, and the trunk lid.

Dawkins flew back to his vacation and wife and excitedly told her of his find. Negotiations ensued and an incredibly surprised Dawkins discovered he, after all those years, had finally bought the car.

Since taking delivery, Dawkins has learned his new/old car was an original Chicago car. With only 1,021

miles on the rebuilt engine "it cruises nicely at 50 mph."

Dawkins reports that 1940 Mercury sales literature ballyhoos how easily the automatic vacuum power top goes down and up on the two-door convertible coupe.

Not a word is mentioned, he said, about the top on the convertible sedan. "With good reason," he said. The convertible sedan top is mechanical and, Dawkins said, "It takes three men to put it down."

Once the top is down, the "B" pillars are easily removed to give the car a sleek appearance. Surprisingly, each "B" pillar is filled with a wooden 2x4.

Unusual for a "deluxe" model, Dawkins' car has a two-spoke steering wheel with only a horn button and no horn ring. The antenna is mounted above the vacuum-operated wipers and the cowl

ventilator. The oval rearview mirror is mounted inside.

Since acquiring his broad-shouldered machine, Dawkins has become intimately acquainted with his car. He has learned how to handle a loose transmission shift rod and has installed four new brake cylinders.

And he has discovered the wisdom of carrying a spare coil and condenser.

"Little things happen," said, "like the accelerator linkage falling off the carburetor." Such tribulations leave Dawkins undaunted because he has the car's fantasies.

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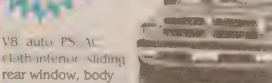


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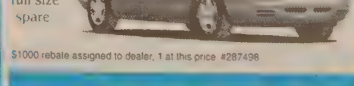
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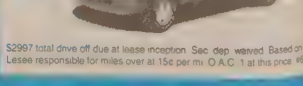


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MONTEREY, Calif.—Porsche — the name alone connotes racing imagery and grace shared by few others. This August, Porsche officially celebrates its Golden Anniversary at the Monterey Historic Automobile races, Aug. 14-16, at the Laguna Seca raceway.

Porsche is saving its largest U.S. celebration for the event by transporting 23 rarely-seen vehicles from its museum in Stuttgart, Germany. From the very first Type 356 to the 917/30 and the newest 911 GT1, visitors will be treated to the racing heritage that would have made founder Dr. Ferry Porsche proud.

The Porsche Club of America will fill the race track's car corral, where more than 800 privately-owned vehicles will assemble to pay homage to Porsche. A special honor awaits those reserving the limited space in parade laps on Sunday prior to the racing.

It is expected that virtually every type Porsche road car ever built will be on the track at the same time in a salute to this marque.

The Monterey Historic Automobile races is presented by the Chrysler Corporation.

MONTVALE, N.J.—The C43 supersedan, a limited-production V-8 powered version of Mercedes-Benz popular C-Class sedan is arriving in dealer showrooms.

The new C43 is modified by AMG, Germany's top automotive customizer and race 'tuner,' which has been partnered with Mercedes-Benz for decades.

Only 1,500 of these ultra-performance cars will be imported to the U.S. over a three-year period. Priced at \$42,750, the midsize C43 features a modified version of the new-generation V-8 engine from the full-size E430 luxury sedan. Horsepower is boosted to 302 (up 10 percent over the standard 275 horsepower) for superb overall performance, including 0-

60 mph acceleration of 5.9 seconds.

The sedan is fitted with a heavy-duty transmission, larger four-wheel vented disc brakes and a sophisticated sport suspension.

DETROIT, Mich.—Paced by an almost endless string of Ford F-series pickups, the number of car and light-truck models has increased to 984 for the current model year. Last year it was 924.

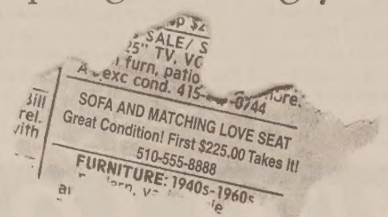
Automotive News Market Data Book reported that light trucks dominate the model-count charges with 559 selections vs. 425 for cars. Last year it was 477 trucks and 447 cars.

A total of 144 F-series pickups are listed compared with 75 last year. Chevrolet and GMC have only 29 each and Dodge offers 28.

DETROIT, Mich.—Prices on three of the four Pontiac Sunfire models have been increased by \$100.

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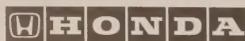
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Automakers have alternative fuel vehicles in the works

DOWN THE ROAD

By Michelle Krebs

Debate is raging on the future of the traditional internal combustion engine. One school says it is here for at least several more decades. Another, pointing to the necessity to reduce emissions and increase fuel economy, declares its time is running out. Indeed, virtually every major car company in the world has at least one alternative fuel program under development.

Electric vehicles, on sale in Arizona, California and New York, were the quick fix for auto manufacturers to comply with zero-emission mandates in California and New York. They eventually will be sold in other states as well. Most of the electric vehicles on the market are traditional vehicles converted to electric, such as Ford Ranger EV, Toyota RAV4 EV, and the Chrysler EPIC minivan.

They carry large battery packs under the hood or under the floor board. GM's EV-1, a two-seater available through Saturn dealers in California and Arizona since 1996, was the first vehicle designed from the start as an electric vehicle to run on batteries and was the first electric vehicle in recent times to be marketed directly to consumers.

Since then the Honda EV-Plus, also designed as an

electric vehicle, has gone on sale in California. The Honda EV-Plus is the first electric vehicle to use next-generation batteries of nickel-metal hydride. The Toyota RAV4-EV is powered by the more advanced batteries and GM will phase the batteries into its GM EV1 and S-10 electric pickup.

The next phase of alternative fuel vehicles are hybrids — vehicles with more than one power source. The first hybrid concepts shown by automakers typically have used a small gasoline internal combustion engine with an electric motor.

This combines the efficiency of a constant operating system like the gas engine with the acceleration features of an electric motor or fuel cell that can help propel the vehicle at times when the emissions are highest, such as acceleration and deceleration.

The first mass-produced hybrid vehicle on sale is the Toyota Prius, a compact sedan that uses a 1.5-liter gas engine and an electric motor. The Prius has an electric motor which powers the car up to about 12 miles per hour, a time when emissions are highest for internal combustion engines.

When the car reaches 12 miles per hour, the gas engine starts and becomes the main power source. The electric motor also operates when maximum power is needed, such as hill climbing. The gas engine turns off when the car stops during deceleration and braking. The gas engine recharges the batteries so the Prius requires

no recharging.

General Motors has shown two hybrids it is preparing for the next century. One uses an electric motor charged by a highly efficient gas-turbine generator system. Another is powered by an electric motor and direct-injection turbo-diesel engine. Ford's P2000 Diata, which will be ready for testing this fall, is equipped with a new, aluminum 1.2-liter DIATA compression-ignition direct-injection engine.

Chrysler calls its approach a "mybrid," or mild hybrid. Its Dodge ESX2 concept car uses a small battery to power accessories and provide a boost during hard acceleration, such as a passing maneuver. The engine is still the prime mover, to minimize the cost and weight of the battery and electric motor.

Perhaps the most promising technology for the next century, however, is fuel cells to produce electricity to power vehicles, the only byproduct from which is water.

Fuel cells are a system in which a fuel, generally hydrogen, reacts with oxygen to produce electricity that can be used to power electric motors and turn the wheels of the vehicle.

Fuel cells can be used as the sole power source of a vehicle, or can be used in hybrid vehicles.

The bottom line is that virtually every major manufacturer around the world has a fuel cell vehicle in the works, the earliest of which likely will be on the market around 2004.



The commuter-computer desk the ultimate expression of never having to leave the office. The brainchild of deputy sheriff, the desk is built to fit into a variety of cars, pickups and minivans.

The jet-setter's commuter computer desk

AFTERMARKET REVIEWS

By Alex Law

Just when we thought car phones were the ultimate expression of never having to leave the office, now comes the commuter-computer desk.

Assembled Products Corporation of Rogers, Ark. markets a wide selection of automotive computer desk tops to make "mobile-officing" easier. Jotto Desk is the brainchild of a deputy sheriff named Sam Owen, and is built to fit into a variety of cars, pickups and minivans. Naturally, highway safety comes first, so

don't use this equipment while operating a vehicle. Be smart and pull over.

Jotto Desk bolts to the floor of the front passenger side as part of what the company says is a 10 minute installation process. There's quite a menu of desks, but the folks in Arkansas say the single swing arm desk (model 5167) is the most popular; however, model 1100 is a good standard desk for securing a notebook computer.

Indeed, the company sells quite a selection and range of products meant to make commuting computing a cinch. Prices start at \$95.95 for a Midget Jotto Desk, but you can also drop \$459.95 for the razzmatazz model called the Dual Desk Tripod with Cable-Dock. The best way to

get a look at them is on the internet www.jottodesk.com or call (800) 548-3373 for more information.

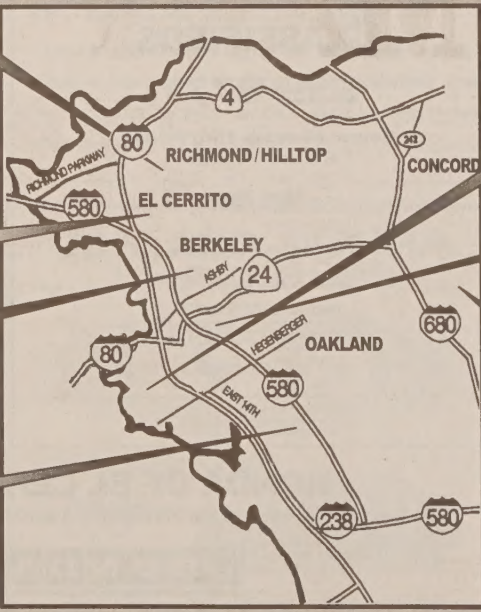
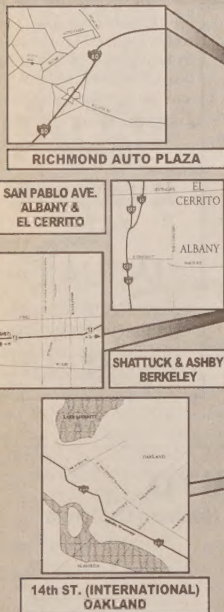
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Brand managers fly high; others strap on parachutes

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Detroit residents may soon see the "golden parachutes" of General Motors' headquarter managers floating down from the sky.

Ron Zarella, group vice president for sales and marketing for the North American Operations (NAO) of GM is the move. He apparently he is determined to bring more sales, service and marketing functions into GM and away from the traditional GM marketing divisions.

According to Automotive News, an industry journal, the plan may eliminate division general manager posts as they are defined today. Most of the divisional sales, service and marketing would get different responsibilities, according to a GM official.

Under the proposed plan, the clout of vehicle brand managers would be increased and consolidated within GM. Many current divisional functions, including much of the dealer-interface and operations.

General Motors' officials will confirm that the study is under way and claims no decisions are final. Our Detroit sources appear to be in the dark about the plan being with the dealers.

Zarella's is known to favor more power for the brand

managers and is believed to have forced three general managers, Oldsmobile's John Rock, Chevrolet's Jim Perkins and Cadillac's John Grettenberger into early retirement.

A high GM source confirmed to Automotive News

Divisional general managers were virtually company presidents until 1984. Today, divisional managers oversee the sales, marketing, field staff and brand management teams at each division.

that the current plan would eliminate division general manager positions at Chevrolet, Pontiac-GMC, Oldsmobile, Buick and Cadillac. Saturn Corp.'s current structure would not change.

Zarella is expected to propose the restructuring to the NAO Strategy Board in about a month. NAO President Rick Wagner hinted in an interview with Automotive News recently that changes are in the air.

"I can't imagine the world where we're not going to have people responsible for the Pontiac brand or Cadillac Brand," he said.

"If that's your question, general managers are not going away. If your question is, will the general manager of today always be like today, I doubt it."

According to a GM supplier executive, the consolidation would include a three-office NAO structure under Zarella. Sales, service and dealers issues would be one job; another would oversee

brand management, the third would direct divisional advertising.

Two current general managers are candidates mentioned for the brand and sales jobs: John Middlebrook of Chevrolet and Roy Roberts of Pontiac-GMC. The leading candidate for the advertising post, according to sources, is Philip Guarascio, NAO vice president

and General manager of marketing and advertising. If the proposal is changed or approved by the Strategy Board, it goes to the GM President's Council for final approval.

None of the five affected general managers could be reached for comment last week by Automotive News.

Divisional general managers were virtually company presidents until 1984, but GM's reorganization at that time took away much of their authority in product development and manufacturing.

Divisional managers today mostly oversee the sales, marketing, field staff and brand management teams at each division. "They've changed a lot since the 1970 period, and they will continue to change," said Wagner.

If I were a GM divisional manager I would check to make sure that my golden parachute was packed correctly.

Owners quiz the doctor about Chrysler minivans

ASK THE AUTO DOCTOR

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: On a trip from New Hampshire to Maryland, the transmission failed on our 1996 Chrysler minivan. I will say that the Chrysler roadside service had a tow truck to us in 30 minutes at 6:30 in the morning. My extended warranty covered the expense, except for the \$50 deductible.

Until now, we had been happy with our minivan. I am planning to buy a new one in the fall. Should we stick with Chrysler? Donald

Dear Donald: It is no secret that Chrysler has had more than average problems with their automatic transmissions since late in 1989.

Lately, however, the failure rate has decreased dramatically. I really like the Chrysler minivan. I own a 1988 with 170,000 miles on the odometer, and yes I did have to replace the transmission.

Dear Doctor: The lock-up torque converter and the cruise control have stopped working in my 1987 Dodge Caravan minivan. At 88,000 miles this has been the only problem. What do you think? Robert

Dear Robert: The two are not connected. The lock-up torque converter locks up hydraulically. The cruise control problem

could be a vacuum, cable, or electrical malfunction. The Mitchell On-Demand system lists a simple flow chart that a qualified technician can follow.

Dear Doctor: I just purchased a 1998 Plymouth Grand Voyager. My question relates to undercoating and rust proofing.

These are not listed in my invoice or bill of sale as ever being done. I looked under the minivan and there is no sign of rustproofing. What should I do? George

Dear George: If you look in your warranty book and invoice, it will list the rust warranty coverage. I do not recommend any aftermarket additional undercoating or rustproofing under normal driving conditions.

The exception is for owners who use their 4x4's on salt water beaches on a regular basis. The underside of these vehicles must be washed after use on the beach to delay corrosion and rusting.

There is also the possibility that having your van rustproofed could void the rust and corrosion part of your warranty.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1973 Oldsmobile with a 4 barrel carburetor. My problem is the accelerator pumps in the carburetor keep failing.

I do not use any gasoline additives, and try to take good care of my car. What is the problem? Troy

Dear Troy: Unlike all the stories about the new formula gasoline eating away at the seals in the carburetor,

any one of the following is causing the problem: a wrong accelerator pump, a missing or expanding internal circular spring inside the accelerator pump rubber, a score in the accelerator pump cylinder, or (the most common problem with the Rochester quadrajet) an internal leaking at the bottom of the float bowl that is not visible from the outside of the carburetor.

Have it checked by a qualified technician. If the problem is internal leaking, the easy fix is to remove the carburetor, tip it out side down, and seal the cavity with a two-part epoxy.

Dear Doctor: My 1988 Ford Taurus overheats when stopped in traffic. I have replaced the thermostat and I've even flushed the cooling system. What should I do next? Tom

Dear Tom: I hope your overheating problem is related to the electric cooling fan, not a head or head gasket problem. Take the car to a shop that is familiar with the electronic fan circuit.

I do not recommend driving the car with the overheating condition because this could cause internal problems. If you must drive, put the heat on high, this will help cool the coolant.

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